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»CNMI ARRA office cites 'Buy America' waiver process for delay

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REPORTER

The CNMI has yet to spend over \$71.8 million or 59 percent of the \$120.9 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act money awarded to the islands as of March 31, 2011, based on the latest data from the federal tracking agency, recovery.gov.

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Case vs two alleged fruit bat poachers dismissed

»Trial of retired police lieutenant continues

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Only the jury trial of retired police lieutenant Adrian Mendiola continued yesterday in federal court as the charges against his co-defendants were dismissed.

U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge John Houston dismissed without prejudice the case against David Santos and Albert Taitano following the U.S. government's motion. Dismissal without prejudice means the government may re-file the case in the future.

Michael Dotts, counsel for Santos, told *Saipan Tribune* that the prosecution dismissed the case

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HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

BLAME IT ON THE RAIN

Boxes and trays of official documents, along with computers and other office stuff, are piled up on the floor of the the Senate chamber on Capital Hill yesterday after they were removed from certain Legislative Bureau offices because of leaking roofs. An ongoing roof repair caused rainwater to seep through the legislative building's roof during heavy rains yesterday morning. **See story on Page 3**

Adams to be offered NMC presidency

»Regents' original top pick asks to be considered anew

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The Board of Regents voted yesterday to offer once again the

presidency of the Northern Marianas College to its original top pick, Dr. Christa Adams, after the candidate asked that her application be considered anew.

NMC first offered the position to Adams after she got the highest rating among three finalists.

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Local

18 *man'amko* take over key positions for a day

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As speaker of the house, Jesus Basa Pangelinan said he requested money for the Office on Aging and questioned the rest of the lawmakers why the Aging Center is not exempted from the administration's austerity measures.

"I conveyed that message on behalf of all the *man'amko* here at the center. I told them that our program is not entirely a federal program but a partnership between the federal and local government," Pangelinan said yesterday.

Pangelinan was among the 17 congregates who took over key positions in the government and private offices yesterday as part of the *Man'amko* Takeover Day.

Man'amko Takeover Day is part of the celebration of



CLARISSA V. DAVID

Participants of the *Man'amko* Takeover Day pose for a group photo after coming back from the various offices where they took over key posts yesterday afternoon. A total of 18 positions were made available for the island's older citizens this year.

Older Americans Month/*Mes Man'amko/Maramal Tuufay* in May of every year.

Pangelinan, who has participated in the activity for several years now, described his experience as speaker as "a tough job."

"Considering that most of the members are smarter than you because they have college degrees, it was hard. But overall, it was a fun experience," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

According to Pangelinan, he met with the actual speaker of the House, Rep. Eli Cabrera, whom he described as a "good man."

Siyau Muna, meanwhile, was clad in a judge's robe for a few hours as she took over the post of Chief Justice Miguel Demapan.

The last time Muna joined the *Man'amko* Takeover Day, she became the chief of police. "Every year, I always have fun doing it."

Muna said she and Demapan talked to Kagman Elementary School students about the importance of going to school and getting a college degree.

After the visit, Muna said they went to Demapan's courtroom where she and the chief justice had their photos taken for souvenir.

"He took me to all courtrooms and sections and introduced me. I go to court to see a judge and I never knew that one day, I'd actually be wearing my own robe. I told everybody I will quit the next day," she quipped.

Other participating *man'amko* were Teresita Sorroza, governor; Christiana Michael, lieutenant governor; Teddy Guiao, vice speaker; Pacita Angeles, floor leader; Sitae Terry and Meli Malakai, representatives; Emerenciana Reyes, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation; Manuel Mesa, Commonwealth Ports Authority; Rosario Ibanez, Department of Public Health; Benita Cepeda, Marianas Visitors Authority; Rosa Castro and Joquin Kaniki, Carolinian Affairs; Moni Hermes, KSPN News; Meryalen Conrad, *Marianas Variety*; Virginia Prado, Department of Community and Cultural Affairs; and Felisa Baza, Mayor's Office.

Walter Manglona, Aging Office program coordinator, said only 18 positions were confirmed as some offices had to cancel.

"The director and I are happy that our *man'amko* enjoyed this activity. We hope that next year, more positions will be available so that more *man'amko* can participate," he added.

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Legislature's documents, office stuff soaked in rainwater

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Heavy rains yesterday morning seeped through the legislative building's roof, soaking documents and other office materials in many of the offices, including that of at least three lawmakers, the Senate clerk and the Legislative Bureau.

The building's middle roof was already undergoing major repair since Monday because of leaks, said Legislative Bureau

director Glenna SP. Reyes.

As part of the ongoing roof repair, the contractor, GCG Co. Inc., had to remove some materials from the roof to help identify the cause of the leaks at the Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building or the Legislature's building on Capital Hill.

Everything seemed fine until yesterday morning's rain, which caused rainwater to penetrate the roofs, soaking almost everything in the affected offices including carpets, desks, offi-

cial documents, computers and other electronic devices.

Among the offices affected were those of Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan), Rep. Ray Yumul (R-Saipan), and Rep. Ray Basa, along with Senate clerk Doris Bermudes, Delegation clerk Alice Leon Guerrero, and other Legislative Building offices.

Affected bureau staffers had to almost empty their rain-soaked offices of all materials.

Some bureau employees used

the Senate chamber as a temporary office starting yesterday morning, bringing with them many of their office materials and equipment.

Reyes said they expect the roof to be sealed right away to prevent rain from seeping through, while it is undergoing repair.

The Senate will hold a session on Friday, and Reyes said they expect that bureau employees will be able to return to their respective offices before then.

Some carpets that got soaked in rainwater will be inspected, to see whether they need replacement or just needed drying.

Reyes said the bureau also consulted with the Department of Public Works' Technical Services Division about the roof problems yesterday.

Rep. Ray Yumul (R-Saipan) separately said it was a good thing he came to office early yesterday to help prevent his office stuff from getting wet.

The House was set to have a

9:30am session yesterday, but the session didn't start until around 10am. This gave the affected House members time to put protective cover on their office materials.

Yumul said rainwater-damaged carpets could produce mildew that could pose health concerns, among other things.

"And now we're also concerned about electrical problems because of the rainwater seeping through the roof," Yumul told *Saipan Tribune*.

PSS claims it has complete accounting of ETC funds 'Public schools collect \$210K in ETC funds yearly'

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A Public School System official insisted yesterday that PSS has a well-accounted education tax credit program where each public school is regularly audited for a full accounting of all the amounts they receive and spend.

PSS finance director Richard Waldo explained that each public school is assigned individual ETC account where their principals are the expenditure authorities. Although PSS has no direct control over the ETC funds, Waldo said the system helps the schools for proper monitoring and accountability of the money.

"The system wants to make sure that principals have their own immediate funds to get whenever they urgently need something for the schools such as light bulbs, toiletries, and supplies. The funds can also be used for the sports and scholastic events depending on where the school wants to use them. Public schools have a complete accounting of it since the beginning," said Waldo.

The CNMI's 20 public schools received approximately \$210,000 last fiscal year under the ETC program, he said. This is a significant reduction from what schools received some three years ago, about \$300,000.

Waldo said that public schools have received ETC donations between \$180,000 and \$210,000 every year. PSS has no records of how private schools collect and use their ETC funds.

Senate Bill 17-68, which seeks to suspend the ETC program, is sitting on Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's desk after the House passed it despite strong opposition from public and private schools, educators, parents, and students. The bill estimates that \$2 million will go directly to the general fund.

With the local government's limited resources, Waldo said the ETC funds have greatly

helped schools address their immediate needs.

"If the governor will act on

[the bill]...that's the end of it," said Waldo.

Administration officials earlier said that the measure will most likely pass due to some un-

accounted ETC records, mostly in private schools.

The Coalition of NMI Private Schools, through its president Scott Norman, earlier expressed strong opposition to the measure and encouraged its 17-member

institutions representing about 3,000 students to campaign against it.

Norman said member schools will have no option but to raise tuition and other fees to sustain their operation.

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Froilan has new 'telecasino' bill

»But holds off introducing 'subsistence allowance' resolution

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Months after the Senate killed his Saipan casino bill, Rep. Froilan Tenorio (Cov-Saipan) has another gambling measure but this time in the form of a "telecasino" that Rota and Tinian casino investors could operate.

Tenorio, a former governor and speaker, introduced in yesterday's House session House Bill 17-186 or the Commonwealth Remote Gaming Act.

In an interview, Tenorio said he introduced the bill at the request of Rota Treasure Island Corp., the only casino operator

on Rota that has temporarily closed due to lack of customers after the March 11 Japan disaster.

"If a gambler does not want to go to a casino, then I'd bring the casino to the gambler," Tenorio told *Saipan Tribune*.

Remote casino gambling is different from online or Internet gambling. A remote game means any game offered for play to any person not physically on the premises of the operator.

Under Tenorio's bill, any licensed casino on Rota and Tinian may apply for a license to operate a remote game in a telecasino on Saipan via the Inter-

net, telephone, or other means.

A license fee shall not exceed \$1,000 per location per year.

Tenorio said all revenues from the operation of a remote game at a telecasino will go to either Rota or Tinian, depending on where the licensed casino is.

"The only casino operator on Rota, which is Treasure Island, realized that gamblers have not been going to Rota, so they thought about remote gambling," said Tenorio.

At the same time, Tenorio held off on introducing yesterday a resolution that authorizes all 20 House of Rep-

resentatives members to have a subsistence allowance of up to \$2,000 a month for official functions on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

"I talked to several minority members, and they're not supporting it. I found out that we need three-fourths of the members to amend the House rules, not a simple majority. I don't think I have enough votes for the resolution so I am going to review it and come up with a different version," he said.

House minority leader Diego Benavente (R-Saipan) said a per diem allowance for Saipan members is "unnecessary."

'Not guilty' verdict in Tinian child sex abuse case

A Superior Court jury came back yesterday with a not-guilty verdict on a 27-year-old man accused of sexually abusing a girl in 2004.

This developed as the prosecution decided yesterday not to call to the witness stand three ministers or elders of the Tinian congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses in the trial of Geoffrey K. Cabrera.

After deliberating for almost four hours, the Tinian Superior Court jurors reached a verdict that found Cabrera not guilty of sexual abuse in the second degree.

Associate Judge David A. Wiseman presided over the trial.

Joseph N. Camacho, court-appointed counsel for Cabrera, told *Saipan Tribune* last night that they are thankful to the jurors for their time and their deliberations.

"We extend our appreciation to the hard working staff of the Tinian courthouse and to the judiciary," Camacho said.

Jehovah's Witnesses Tinian congregation ministers Bob Morie, Emyl Lumba, and Dwight Manglona earlier asked the Superior Court to quash the subpoena that commands them to appear at the jury trial, saying this would be burdensome and oppressive since it requires the disclosure of privileged and protected information.

The alleged victim and defendant are members of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Cabrera was accused of sexually abusing a then 14-year-old girl in May 2004 on Tinian. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

\$71.8M

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Recovery.gov updated its data on April 30.

But the CNMI ARRA Office said yesterday that the delay in spending these federal funds is caused mainly by the "Buy America" waiver process, which could take up to four months.

As of the previous reporting period covering up to Dec. 31, 2010, the CNMI had some \$77 million in unspent ARRA money of the \$118 million awarded it as of that period.

Recovery.gov says between Feb. 17, 2009, and March 31, 2011, the CNMI was awarded \$120,913,487 in ARRA money.

Of this amount, only \$49,050,402 was spent as of the close of the latest reporting period. This leaves \$71,863,085 in ARRA money that has yet to be spent.

Of the 61 ARRA-funded projects in the CNMI, only seven (11 percent) have so far been completed, while 24 projects (40 percent) are more than 50 percent completed, as of March 31.

Five of the 61 projects have not even started, while 25 are less than 50 percent completed.

ARRA has so far created or preserved 543 jobs in the CNMI, including some 100 teacher jobs at the Public School System.

'Well intended, but...'

Fred Camacho, CNMI ARRA information technology/communications manager, said yesterday that the "Buy America" waiver process could take up to four months.

The "Buy America" provision of the ARRA requires that no ARRA funds may be used for projects unless all the goods used in these projects are produced in the United States.

While this provision is well

intended to reinvest federal money in U.S. companies, Camacho said the blanket provision isn't always in the best interest of local governments just like the CNMI.

He cited as an example a Commonwealth Utilities Corp. turbocharger project of some \$4.7 million.

Camacho said the Buy America waiver process for this project lasted for some four months "until finally approved, which meant no expenditures could be made during that period of time."

He said the CNMI and other U.S. insular areas have historically encountered the Buy America provision as an obstacle to procurement "because the cost of shipping significantly increases the price of obtaining products manufactured in the U.S."

"Additionally, the CNMI operates in an environment

that at times is foreign to the needs experienced within the 50 [U.S. states]," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Direct, indirect awards to CNMI govt

In analyzing spending related to the CNMI's ARRA money, Camacho said it is important to distinguish between the amount awarded to the central government directly and those applied for and received by autonomous agencies.

He said of the funds that the central government has direct control, over 50 percent has already been spent.

But he said the recovery.gov does not distinguish between central government awards and those awarded to autonomous agencies.

Camacho cited as an example the recent awarding of the Sandy Beach Homes Project, which increased the CNMI's ARRA

funding total to the latest \$120.9 million mark.

"This, along with the \$8.1 million award given to IT&E last year, account for nearly one-fourth of the CNMI's total ARRA funds," he said.

The CNMI ARRA IT/communications manager also said that, although the CNMI government does not have control over these projects, it has continued to partner with ARRA recipients to ensure that oversight is being provided for these funds.

"Rest assured, however, that our office continues to do all we can to expend the ARRA funds received as quickly as possible, but we are also careful to ensure that it is in accordance with all local and federal regulations," Camacho added.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan has been reminding the Fitial administration to be faster in spending ARRA money that's already been awarded it.

A joint evaluation report done by the CNMI Office of the Public Auditor and the U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of Inspector General on the CNMI's oversight of ARRA funds from February 2009 through June 2010 said the CNMI needs to strengthen its internal controls when it comes to oversight of ARRA funds for better transparency and accountability.

Inadequate monitoring functions, poor documentation of ARRA awards, and inability to use prior audit findings and risk management tools were among the weaknesses identified that were specific to the CNMI, says the report dated April 14, 2011.

But the Fitial administration, which contracted Integrated Professional Solutions LLC to provide oversight function for ARRA-funded projects and programs, said it has been addressing the concerns in the OPA/Interior report.

CASE

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against his client and Taitano so they could review the evidence.

"This is an old case, dating back to an incident that occurred in late 2008. Hopefully, the government will not re-file the case

after they look at the evidence again," Dotts said.

Assistant U.S. attorney Kirk Schuler and Ramon Quichocho, counsel for Mendiola, gave their opening statements yesterday.

The case arose from poaching incidents in 2008 when two of the remaining breeding colonies of the Mariana fruit bats on Rota

were decimated by hunters using 12-gauge and .410 shotguns.

According to Schuler, four frozen Mariana fruit bats were found in the freezer at Mendiola's house and .410 gauge shells were also recovered.

Schuler said that when authorities confronted Mendiola about the fruit bats in the freezer, the

defendant sighed and stated, "I know hunting bats is illegal."

Schuler said that agents shipped the frozen fruit bats to an Oregon laboratory and that two experts will testify that the bats died of gunshots.

In his opening statement, Quichocho described the case as "bat mistakes" by the gov-

ernment, the laboratory, and the prosecution's first witness, biologist Julia Boland.

He said the laboratory did not find any fingerprints linking Mendiola to the evidence.

Quichocho said Boland jumped to conclusions, took the law into her own hands, and just wanted somebody to be pro-

secuted. He also stated that Boland does not trust locals.

On the part of the U.S. government, Quichocho said the case is a mistaken identification of what type of fruit bat is illegal. He also stated that the laboratory mislabeled the evidence.

The trial will continue today, Wednesday, at 8am.

ADAMS

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However, prior to the contract offer, she withdrew her application, citing family reasons.

Board chair Juan T. Lizama disclosed yesterday that Adams wrote the board on May 9 to ask that her application be considered again.

"Since submitting my application for NMC presidency, I have anticipated the journey to your islands. Since learning that the Board of Regents was interested in discussing my application, I have felt satisfaction that you considered me a viable candidate," said Adams in her letter to Lizama on Monday.

A family situation, however, placed her candidacy in jeopardy, causing her to withdraw her

application, Adams said. That "family situation" has now been resolved, she said, and that's when she decided to revisit her application to NMC.

"With this news, I hope you will reconsider my application for the NMC presidency. If you decide to do so, I will be pleased to discuss any opportunities the board foresees for my candidacy."

Adams is the former president of Owens Community College in Ohio.

Lizama told *Saipan Tribune* that he has been communicating with Adams soon after the last candidate—Dr. Jeff Armstrong—rejected the board's offer last week.

He admitted being surprised when Armstrong junked the offer, two days after their phone conversation.

"Obviously, the board was

surprised that Dr. Armstrong, in a matter of just two days, made the decision. I was given the impression that he will accept the position with the condition he will come here first and meet the people here," he said.

Lizama also took exception to the *Saipan Tribune* contacting Armstrong two weeks ago after the board offered him the position. In that phone interview, Armstrong confirmed his exploratory visit to the campus, saying he is excited to receive the offer and sees the NMC position as very challenging.

"I was a little bit disturbed that the media will have to pick up the phone and contact [Dr. Armstrong] because in many jurisdictions that doesn't happen. This process is very critical. Frankly, I am not happy with that," Lizama said.

The board gave Lizama the go-signal yesterday to negotiate with Adams.

Lizama said he will call Adams today and will discuss the board's decision. He will give the candidate until Monday to respond to the board's offer.

'A viable candidate'

Lizama described Adams as still a "viable candidate."

"Why viable? Because when Dr. Adams was notified of her selection as the next NMC president, she actually gave her notice to the board and she cited good reason and good cause. The fact that she didn't reject the offer, it was the recommendation of the legal counsel to have a written statement from Dr. Adams stating the circumstantial change," explained Lizama, adding that the board was happy to receive the

statement from Adams on May 9.

Lizama said the board is confident it is going in the right direction and that Adams is, in fact, doing the college a favor.

Board member and presidential search committee chair Andrew Orsini described Adams' selection as the "cream of crop" of all the recommendations from the accreditation team. "Time is not on our side...and we're looking at the big picture here," he said.

The board almost failed to find a candidate for the position after all three top picks—Drs. Adams, Sharon Hart, and Armstrong—either withdrew or rejected the college's offer. Two presidential search committees have been established for the same purpose.

NMC has had no permanent president since January 2010 when Dr. Carmen Fernandez was suspended and later fired.

No confidence vote

Prior to the voting, honorary board regent Dr. John Griffin, the college faculty senate president, raised the issue of a previous no-confidence vote against Adams.

"We have 31 candidates who applied. ACCT [Association of College Community Trustee] endorsed seven and two of the top three candidates have been fired in their previous schools. Dr. Adams received 98 percent no-confidence vote in her previous school and yet she is the top candidate here. What happened to the other 24 candidates? Did we even look or consider them? No," said Griffin.

Lizama, in response, said the board is restricted and is bound by a resolution that guides it on how to select the college's next president.

Docomo Pacific is 2011 MMAC major sponsor



Docomo Pacific retail operations manager Pauline Johnson, fourth from left, is joined by other staff as she hands the \$1,000 donation to 2011 Marianas March Against Cancer Committee chair Dave B. Guerrero and Commonwealth Cancer Association board members in a brief ceremony yesterday morning.

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Docomo Pacific joins the roster of major sponsors for the 2011 Marianas March Against Cancer after a \$1,000 donation on Tuesday.

Major sponsorship status is

bestowed on companies that donate \$1,000 to \$2,999 in cash or services.

Retail operations manager Pauline Johnson, along with Docomo Pacific staff, handed the check donation to 2011 MMAC committee members and Com-

monwealth Cancer Association board members at their Gualo Rai office.

"It's for a good cause," Johnson told *Saipan Tribune*. "We do try to contribute to every good cause in the community as much as we can, even in these

economic times."

James Lee, marketing representative, said Docomo Pacific joined the annual fundraising event late and without participating this year as their public school partner, Koblerville Elementary School, had to back out.

"Although we don't have a team, we decided to help in the event in our own way," he said.

Dave B. Guerrero, 2011 MMAC chair, said they feel sad that Docomo Pacific does not have a team for the event but are also happy that it still contributed to the cause.

"We still look forward to their participation next year. We hope to get more public and private schools to participate in this annual event," he said.

Guerrero added that they moved the march schedule to

5:30pm instead of the usual 6pm for "better time management."

"It's to accommodate kids that have curfew. In case they're not allowed to go out past 10pm, we can start early," he explained.

Bud White, CCA board president, said in an interview that he is "overwhelmed with gratitude about the entire community."

"Even in these tough financial times, help continues to pour out for this fight against cancer. MMAC and CCA cannot do what they do without the generosity of the public. We're really very grateful," he said.

The Marianas March Against Cancer, which aims to raise cancer awareness and funds to fight the battle against the deadly disease, will be held on May 13-14 at Hopwood Junior High School field.

For more information, call 682-0050 or visit www.ccamarianas.org.

CUC fails to submit interim financial plan »CUC claims tremendous progress has been made

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Despite an extension given by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. still failed to meet the deadline to come up with an interim financial plan.

The plan was scheduled for submission on May 9, Monday.

CUC general counsel Deborah E. Fisher acknowledged the agency's failure to meet the deadline but pointed out that they have made tremendous progress and is close to completing it.

The plan describes in detail the revenues, expenses, and cash expenditures forecast of CUC for fiscal years 2010, 2011, and 2012.

Fisher disclosed CUC's failure to meet the deadline in a notice to U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge David O. Carter, EPA counsel Bradley R. O'Brien, and CNMI Attorney General Edward T. Buckingham.

The original deadline to submit the interim financial plan was Nov. 30, 2011. CUC met that deadline but the EPA disapproved it on Jan. 14, 2011, and gave CUC 75 days to submit a revised plan.

In the notice filed in federal court on Monday, Fisher said that EPA on March 24, 2011, extended CUC's time to submit the interim financial plan by an additional 45 days to coincide with submission of the reorganization plan.

Fisher cited several items that

CUC has completed relating to the interim financial plan. "All that is now missing is detailing the work units for water and wastewater to the extent that they were provided in the Reorganization Plan which was submitted [Monday]. This should take no more than a week," Fisher said.

Fisher said CUC will need its rate consultant to calculate a new rate plan based on this updated information, which

will include such items as fuel cost, power plant maintenance, and bad debt.

"This too should not take more than a week. Accordingly, CUC expects that it will be submitting its [interim financial plan] on or before May 23, 2011," she said.

Fisher said CUC believes that the interim financial plan it is preparing to submit is a quality product and represents the great strides CUC has made in the financial arena.

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A. Samoa, Japan, NZ groups to take part in Flame Tree fest

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

Off-island delegates are expected to participate in the 30th Annual Flame Tree Arts Festival, according to festival committee chair Parker Yobei.

Yobei, who is also the Arts in Education coordinator of the Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture, was the guest speaker at the Rotary Club of Saipan's general membership meeting on Tuesday.

According to Yobei, confirmed participants to date are four performing artists from American Samoa, about 40 to 50 from Japan, and 25 to 30 from New Zealand.

"We are still waiting for confirmation from performing artists from Guam, Kosrae, Pohnpei, and other islands," he said.

The 30th Annual Flame Tree Festival will be held from June 9 to 12 at the American Memorial Park, west of the Bell Tower, in Garapan. The festivities will bring together hundreds of local artists as well as local and international performers.

This year's theme is "Celebrating 30 years of Uniting Cultures and Traditions."

Yobei said they are also working with the Canoe Club to hold a canoe race at the beach side of the venue, tentatively on June 10.

"We're close to confirming the

time and date for the race. We're communicating with the Department of Public Safety and the Coast Guard for buoy identification," he said.

Yobei noted that a budget for the festival is a major concern as they have yet to receive funding from the Legislature.

"We usually get \$15,000 to \$20,000 to cover expenses for the festival," he said.

To address the situation, Yobei said they decided to raise the rate for commercial booths at the festival to \$1,600. So far, four vendors have already registered for the event.

"If we can get financial help from the community, we can refund some of the payment back to the vendors. But right now, we need to increase it to conduct the event," he said.

Yobei added, "If we do this as a community, we can succeed."

For more information about the 30th Annual Flame Tree Arts

Festival, call the Arts Council at 322-9982 or 83.

Eucon holds 5th graduation rites



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The graduates of Eucon International College with the event's guest speakers and institution's officials after the 5th Commencement Ceremonies at the campus auditorium Saturday.

By MONETH G. DEPOSA
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REPORTER

Eucon International College on Saturday marked the institution's fifth commencement rites, which saw three students conferred diplomas for their bachelor studies.

The occasion, graced by parents and college faculty, was keynoteed by Saipan Mayor Donald Flores and Dr. John Joyner, the administration's senior policy adviser.

This year's graduates are Endian Wang, Yuqin Guo, and Bing Zhang.

Wang, the student body president, completed his bachelor's degree in Education. He will join Eucon International School's faculty and staff.

"Every ending point in life is always another starting point. God has given each person a certain amount of time to manage; manage it well," he said in his commencement speech.

Guo, another Education graduate, said that "whatever I have accomplished today is the gracious work of God. Thank

God for giving me endurance!" She and her husband will go to the Philippines as missionaries. Zhang, meantime, completed a bachelor's degree in Bible.

Speaking to the graduates, Flores encouraged them to persevere for their future. "Just because a championship match is over, it doesn't mean an athlete should stop there and wait to train for the next championship to be around the corner," said Flores.

Joyner challenged the new graduates "to live the story of what you've learned here, so that within a short while Eucon will be blessed with more examples of the transformative influence of our programs."

Eucon president Dr. Christian Wei said the college continues to recruit international students to help boost the CNMI economy.

Eucon is accredited by Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools, a USDOE approved accrediting body. Currently, Eucon offers bachelor's degrees in Education and Bible, and a certificate in English as Second Language.

Las Vegas Night tickets on sale

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

The Rotary Club of Saipan has already begun selling tickets for the Las Vegas Night.

The annual fundraising event, which features various casino games such as Black Jack, Roulette, and Texas Hold 'Em Poker, is slated for June 18 at the Royal Taga Hall of the Saipan World Resort in Susupe.

Club Services director Laila Boyer distributed the 5,000 tickets to Rotarians during their regular membership meeting Tuesday at Hyatt Regency Saipan.

Tickets cost \$5 each and \$20

per booklet containing 5 tickets.

Boyer said tickets can also be bought at Rainbow Color in Garapan and select Shell stations on island.

The director added that they also plan to set up a booth at the Garapan Street Market for the remaining Thursdays of the month.

Boyer said exciting prizes await Las Vegas Night winners, including the grand prize of \$10,000 cash or a brand new Mazda 2 Sport and major cash prizes.

Proceeds from the Las Vegas Night are used to fund Rotary's various community projects.



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Department of Community and Cultural Affairs

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Announcement

The Child Care and Development Fund is proposing to update the current Child Care and Development Fund Rules and Regulations. The following are the proposed changes/updates:

Section 55-50-005 Definitions

- (t) Group Home Child Care Providers to add "with a maximum of 12"
- (v) In Home care provider to change definition to "means any individual who provides care in the home of the child"
- (x) to add definition of job search "is defined as an activity that demonstrates an individual is actively seeking potential employment. Qualifying job search activities include (but is not limited to) completing job applications in person, completing on-line computer applications at employment agencies and/or community agencies, engaging in interviews, registration at the CNMI Labor Office, and phone inquiries (minimum of 10 per week) about possible job openings with potential employers.

Section 55-50-201 Eligibility Requirements for Child Care Services (d) Child care providers shall meet the following conditions in order that child care payments maybe authorized:

- (a) For licensed center based, group home, and family child care providers
- (b) For licensed-exempt family home providers, including in-home providers
- (f) All providers subjected to Sex Offenders Registry and Notification Act (SORNA)
- (g) requirement of a telephone land line

Copies of the proposed amended Child Care and Development Fund Rules and Regulations maybe obtained from the Child Care and Development Fund Office, Building 1347, Ascension Ct. Capital Hill, Saipan, MP 96950. Comments regarding the proposed updates/changes to the CCDF Rules and Regulations should be addressed to Melvin L.O. Faisao, DCCA Secretary and forwarded to the above address. Comments will be accepted until May 20, 2011.

Approved for Distribution:

/s/ Melvin L.O. Faisao

April 12, 2011

House members, *man'amko* weigh in on casinos issue

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REPORTER

House of Representatives members and the elderly who took the role of lawmakers yesterday as part of the Older Americans Month celebration weighed in on a proposal to legalize casino gambling on Saipan.

Jesus B. Pangelinan, a *man'amko* or elderly who "shadowed" Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) during the *Man'Amko* Takeover Day, called on House members to allow casino gambling on Saipan to help save the economy and the people.

"If it takes casino gambling, then go ahead," said Pangelinan, who also served as "speaker" for the day.

Another *man'amko*, Teddy Guiao, who "shadowed" Vice

Speaker Felicidad Ogumoro (Cov-Saipan), also called for support for casino investors on Tinian.

There were supposed to be 20 *man'amko* at the House session but only six showed up.

"I was so nervous...But I liked to be here," said one of them, 69-year-old Citai Terry, who shadowed Rep. Teresita Santos (Ind-Rota).

Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan), at the same time, said his House Local Bill 17-44, which legalizes casino gambling on Saipan, will garner enough votes to pass once it's put to a vote.

But Torres' local bill still needs a third and last appearance on a House agenda before the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation can act

on it. The House will hold another session on Thursday.

HLB 17-44 is the first local bill in CNMI history that seeks to authorize and establish casino gambling in a senatorial district.

"The bill could have 15 votes out of the 21 delegation members," Torres said.

He said only some minority members and two senators are opposed to the local casino bill.

"When they vote against the bill, it will be recorded. A lot of people are suffering, and they are still voting against casino on Saipan. What the minority wants is to lay off people. I support reducing the government but where will you put these people? Casino will help the economy," Torres said.

Rep. Ray Basa (Cov-Saipan)

also believes the local casino bill will muster enough votes. He guessed at least 12 of 21 votes will be "yes" to Torres' bill.

Rep. Joseph Palacios (R-Saipan) said he supports holding a public hearing on the local bill. Torres said he is also in support of holding a public hearing on his local bill.

Saipan voters twice rejected a casino initiative, while the Senate killed a House bill on Saipan casino last year. The pending "local" bill takes a different approach. When it passes the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation, it goes directly to Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, who is open to allowing casino gambling on Saipan. The local bill will not go to the Senate, which has been opposed to

a Saipan casino bill.

Man'amko concerns

During yesterday's House session, at least two of six *man'amko* asked lawmakers to help the Office on Aging.

Jesus B. Pangelinan, for example, said the Office on Aging is still included in the austerity Fridays when most of its funding comes from the federal government.

He, however, said for the month of May, they were able to get exemptions from the two austerity Fridays "because we requested for it and May is *Mes Man'Amko*."

"We ask for your help. Have us exempted from austerity," Pangelinan said.

He also asked for "in-kind contribution" and additional funding from the Legislature.

Pangelinan said a \$50,000 appropriation made by the Legislature in the last fiscal year

meant for the repair of the bathroom and kitchen at the Office on Aging was reprogrammed by the Executive Branch.

He called on lawmakers to "do whatever is necessary" and "consider all kinds of options" to save the economy, including casinos on Saipan. He said if the economy is a patient, it will be in the "ICU" or intensive care unit of the hospital.

Pangelinan said he and other *man'amko* are now thinking more about the future generations. "What kind of economy will they have?" he asked.

Rep. Joseph Palacios (R-Saipan), a former director of the Office on Aging, said he understands the concerns of the *man'amko*. Like other lawmakers, they said they will do all they can to help the elderly.

After the House session, the members had their photos taken with the visiting elderly.

Woman allegedly dragged by car and assaulted by girlfriend of ex-boyfriend

A woman was injured after a car dragged her on the road when her former boyfriend and his current girlfriend allegedly assaulted her at her home in Dandan Sunday afternoon. A police officer said the victim sustained scratches and abrasions on her neck, knees, and left arm.

Superior Court associate judge Kenneth L. Govendo found probable cause to detain Rodney Deleon Guerrero for disturbing the peace, but found no probable cause for the crime of assault. The judge

found probable cause to detain SaSha Santos for assault and battery, theft, and disturbing the peace.

Govendo, however, ordered the release of both suspects yesterday after assistant public defender Douglas Hartig, counsel for Deleon Guerrero, questioned why the two were brought to court only yesterday when in fact they were arrested on Sunday at 6:06pm.

Govendo said the release of the two suspects is warranted to serve as a lesson for the police and prosecution as this wasn't

the first time that a similar situation has occurred.

Deleon Guerrero and Santos were arrested without an arrest warrant. No papers were filed in court against the two.

Detective Catherine B. Pangelinan explained to the court that she failed to bring the suspects to court on Monday because she was investigating another domestic violence case. Pangelinan said she was also told that they could bring a defendant to court within 48 hours after an arrest.

Govendo explained that if a

person is arrested without an arrest warrant or no papers are filed in court, that defendant should be taken to court by the next business day.

Pangelinan testified that police arrested Deleon Guerrero and Santos after police received a domestic disturbance call at a residence in Dandan Sunday afternoon.

Pangelinan said the victim told police that she was dragged on the road by Deleon Guerrero's car and that Deleon Guerrero and Santos stole her cell phone. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**

Free training on crisis communication, media response

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Saipan Post 3457 is inviting the public to a free seminar on crisis communication and media response on Friday, May 13, 2011, from 9am to 12pm, at the Northern Marianas College.

The seminar, called "Hi Touch Communication in a Hi-Tech Era: Crisis Communications and Media Response Training for Today's Leaders," will in an important and timely seminar

presented by Richard Brunage, a widely recognized international crisis communications expert, former television news anchor, and author of the book *The Heart in Communicating*.

This seminar prepares key communicators for any media appearance. Training participants will learn what "image" is and how to instill confidence in a 12-second sound bite; how to formulate a message in person,

or for print or electronic media; what your body language says about you or your organization; how to humanize your organization in critical situations; intensive group preparation and on-camera performance techniques used by the pros; and more than 50 techniques for improving your performances in any appearance.

Because of the highly interactive nature of this seminar, seating will be limited to the first 75

registrants. This seminar is free and includes all of the handout materials.

Free handouts include documents outlining more than 90 effective techniques for improving your performance in any media or public appearance, including 10 questions and answers about "Terrorism and the Media."

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World Resort offers 10 scholarship slots

The Saipan World Resort recently announced that it is awarding scholarships to 10 graduating high school seniors

on Saipan who will be attending the Northern Marianas College in the upcoming fall 2011 and spring 2012 semesters.

The Saipan World Resort Scholarship program will provide \$1,000 per scholarship recipient, which is a one-time reward and can be used for fall and spring semesters at NMC. The scholarship is open to applicants pursuing a degree at the college, which currently offers degrees in business, liberal arts, nursing, natural resources management, criminal justice, hospitality, and education.

"The scholarships provided by the Saipan World Resort will go a long way in assisting students achieve their educational and professional goals," said NMC interim president Lorraine T. Cabrera. "We are grateful for the company's commitment to higher education in the CNMI."

To be eligible, an applicant must be a high school senior, must be currently residing on Saipan for a minimum of 36 consecutive months, be ac-

cepted and enrolled as a full-time student at NMC during the 2011-2012 academic school year, and must have a high school grade point average of 3.0 or higher.

The scholarship will also be based on merit and will be awarded to the recipient on the basis of the applicant's community involvement, academic background, and letters of recommendation. The written essay will also play a key role in the final selection of scholarship recipients.

The deadline for submitting applications for the Saipan World Resort Scholarship is May 31, 2011. Applications and additional information are available for download on www.nmcnet.edu, or contact the NMC's Financial Aid Office at 234-5498 Ext. 1527 or the Saipan World Resort's Human Resources Offices at 234-5900 Ext. 576. (NMC)



ACCELERATED READER

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Hannah Chan, a third grade student at Saipan International School, has reached a goal of 350 Accelerated Reader Points. She has read 134 books so far this year, and continues to work toward her personal goal of 500 points. Hannah is an inspiration to her class and has shown what hard work can accomplish.



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Happy anniversary greetings to our mom and dad, Merlita and Juanito Montano, who are celebrating their 42nd wedding anniversary, today May 11, 2011! Greetings come from Jane Montano and family.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

OVR office closed tomorrow

The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation will be closed on Thursday, May 12, 2011, from 8:30am to 4:30pm for staff professional development training. Office hours will resume on Friday, May 13, 2011. For urgent matters, call 287-6538. (PR)

John Gonzales LIVE schedule

John Gonzales LIVE tonight will feature "EMS Week 2011 and Emergency Medical Services SAVE LIVES," with guest: firefighter Joaquin T. Camacho, 2011 EMS Week committee chairman. The second topic is the Dog Control Act of 1995 and the dog tagging program, with guests:

Saipan Mayor Donald G. Flores and Ramon Basa Lizama, coordinator of the Dog Control Act Program.

The program airs live today from 7pm to 8pm and rebroadcasts on Sunday, May 15, Monday, May 16, all on KSPN Channel 2.

John Gonzales LIVE also rebroadcasts worldwide on Betelnut Radio (www.betelnutradio.com) today at 6pm Pacific Standard Time and 9pm Eastern Standard Time (Thursday, May 12, 2011, at 11am Chamorro Standard Time in the CNMI and Guam).

Viewers can participate by calling 287-4230, texting 285-META (6382), or emailing johngonzales@pticom.com. (PR)

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

for Solar System Corporation

The public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this Variance Request application. Mr. Naotaka Kagawa of Solar System Corporation would like to construct a Solar Power (Photovoltaic) Generation facility on Lot 032 A 01 in the Village of San Roque. This property is zoned as "Rural". This is just north of the Marpi baseball field and within 2,500' of Wing Beach. To make this project feasible, the applicants request a reduction of the required fifty (50) foot setbacks from the front, side, and rear property lines.

Date: Monday May 23rd, 2011

Time: 6:00 pm

Place: Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School on Mamate Loop in the Village of San Roque

The above application may be viewed at the Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan. Comments on the projects may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments may also be submitted in writing to the Zoning Office no later than 4:30pm, May 20th, 2011. Written comments may be submitted via email to dwyatt@zoning.gov.mp, via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950 or delivered to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, Dandan, Saipan.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the public hearing, or if you require assistance, please contact Douglas Wyatt, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & Division 3 of Title 10 CMC).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Board Chairman

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

May 11, 1999

Teno defends DOLI

Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio yesterday threw his strong support to Labor and Immigration Secretary Mark D. Zachares amid mounting complaints of inefficiency and bureaucratic procedure against the labor office that have angered businessmen. Last week members of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce were supposed to hold a dialog with Zachares concerning problems confronting the business community in processing application of workers, but the meeting was called off by the DOLI chief. "DOLI is trying is best," the governor told reporters, in defending the department, as he expressed confidence that Zachares remains fit to hold the post.

Ingram's proposal draws flak from governor

Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio is unlikely to support a proposal that would transfer to local mayors some key functions of the Department of Public Safety, saying such plan is not suited for a small community like the Northern Marianas. Public Safety Commissioner Charles Ingram has put forward the proposal in an attempt to unburden DPS with duties which he said could be taken care of by leaders of island municipalities. Ingram is looking at unloading the department of the responsibilities of ensuring boating safety, motor vehicles administration and fire fighting because of limited manpower. "DPS is so huge now, it's hard for one man to run it," Ingram previously told the media.

May 11, 2000

Bill allows mayors to regulate jueteng

The mayor's office from each of the senatorial districts in the CNMI will have the authority to regulate the numbers game jueteng if a bill proposed by House Floor Leader Oscar M. Babauta becomes a law. The measure, HB 12-121, has passed the lower house and is now heading to the Senate for action. This is an amendment to an existing statute that empowers the mayors from Rota, Saipan and Tinian to permit operations of such games as bingo, batu, raffles and cockfights in their respective jurisdictions. Jueteng, introduced within the ethnic groups of Korean, Chinese and Filipinos on the island, has become a popular game even among the indigenous people and could be a source of additional revenues for the municipal governments.

Federal assistance sought to bring crop insurance here

With the recovery of tourism-based businesses from the financial slump remains a far-fetched possibility, the CNMI government is exploring alternative ways to spur economic growth through subsistence livelihood that includes commercial farming and fishing. Part of the strategy currently being looked at by the Commonwealth Development Authority is to secure the investments poured by local farmers and fishers into their businesses through the implementation of crop and marine insurance. CDA is the largest government-controlled lending agency that provides loan packages to local residents for the start-up or expansion of small- and medium-scale businesses in the Northern Marianas.

May 11, 2001

CHC improves nursing services

In an effort to alleviate the problem on shortage of nurses, the Commonwealth Health Center has embarked on a World Health Organization-assisted cross-training program to improve the competency level of nurses in the hospital. The month-long Nursing Care for Critically Ill Child training is aimed to conduct a comprehensive training program for at least 20 nurses in the CHC Pediatric ward and be cross-trained in the intensive care unit. CHC Nursing Department Acting Director Remy Tudela said the cross-training of nurses can help the hospital when there is short staffing issue. Cross-trained nurses will have the necessary skills to float to other units where services and expertise are needed.

PSS eliminates distance as block to learning

Educators from different points of the world stood virtually face-to-face yesterday, as they hooked-up to cutting edge technology that promises limitless distance learning possibilities for the CNMI and its partners. Using telecommunication channels rarely available in most US districts, the Public School System for the first time ran a video-teleconferencing event with live audiences from at least eight Pacific entities including Washington DC. The event marked the debut of PSS' Partners Distance Learning Network project, an effort that aims to eliminate blocks to learning by connecting schools and entities through the magic of advanced technology.



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**Notice of Zoning Board Public Hearing
For
House Local Bill 17-26, Section 2, (Paragraphs A-P)**

The public is invited to attend and provide comments at the scheduled Zoning Board public hearings on the following rezones as proposed by House Local Bill 17-26:

HLB 17-26, Section 2, paragraph B: Properties in lower Navy Hill from "Rural" to "Village Commercial". The proposed district is marked by the intersection of Puetto Street and Chalan Pale Arnold Road. It is also within distance of American Memorial Park, Publiko Drive, and Industrial Drive.

HLB 17-26, Section 2, paragraph E: Properties within Navy Hill and China Town from "Village Residential" and "Rural" to "Village Commercial". Within the As Falipe area, this paragraph proposes to rezone property from "Rural" to "Mixed Commercial". These three proposed zoning districts can be reached by Navy Hill Road, Sugar King Road, and Commonwealth Drive.

HLB 17-26, Section 2, paragraph H: Properties bounded by Gualo Rai Road and Rai Drive, otherwise described as the Gualo Rai Loop, from "Village Residential" to "Village Commercial". This site is within proximity of Gualo Rai Road's intersection with Chalan Pale Arnold Road.

Date: June 6th, 2011 (Monday)

Time 6:00pm

Place: Garapan Elementary School

HLB 17-26, Section 2, paragraph A: Properties along Lanco Avenue, San Roque Drive, Boti Street, and Chalan Pale Arnold Road from "Tourist Resort" or "Village Residential" to "Village Commercial". It is within distance from Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School.

Date: June 7th, 2011 (Tuesday)

Time 6:00pm

Place: Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School

HLB 17-26, Section 2, paragraph C: Properties on Saipan's east coast, in the I Pitot area, from "Rural" to "Village Commercial". Two new "Village Commercial" districts, separated by a "Public Resources" zone, would be established by this action. The proposed districts contain Otdot Way, Chichiget Drive, Sasata Lane, and Apayuhak Lane. Surrounding roads include Talofoto Road, Egigi Drive, Luao Drive, and Santa Lourdes Road.

HLB 17-26, Section 2, paragraph D: Properties on the west side of Isa Drive, in the I Akgak area, from "Rural" to "Mixed Commercial". This site is directly along Isa Drive between Egigi Drive and Santa Lourdes Road.

HLB 17-26, Section 2, paragraph F: Properties along the east coast of Saipan just directly north of Kagman Village from "Rural" to "Village Commercial". These properties are accessed from Santa Lourdes Road.

HLB 17-26, Section 2, paragraph G: Properties described as Tracts 22796-7, 22796-8, 21903-8, and 22700 from "Rural" to "Mixed Commercial". These properties are at the intersection of Isa Drive and Kagman Road.

Date: June 8th, 2011 (Wednesday)

Time 6:00pm

Place: Kagman Community Center

HLB 17-26, Section 2, paragraph I: Properties along the southwest side of Monsignor Guerrero Road from "Rural" and "Village Residential" to "Mixed Commercial". This site is within proximity of the Northern Marianas College and Big Boy Marine Sports. The properties also abut Lake Susupe.

HLB 17-26, Section 2, paragraph J: Properties along the southwest side of Monsignor Guerrero Road from "Rural" and "Village Residential" to "Mixed Commercial". Paragraph J would also rezone another district from "Village Residential" to "Village Commercial". This site is between Beach Road and Texas Road, just north of the Marianas High School athletic field.

HLB 17-26, Section 2, paragraph L: Properties that are bounded by Monsignor Guerrero Road on the north, Monsignor Martinez Road on the east, Tun Joaquin Doi Road on the south, and Tun Antonio Apa Road on the west. Properties taking access from Tun Antonio Apa Road would be rezoned from "Village Residential" to "Village Commercial". Properties taking access from Tun Joaquin Doi Road would be rezoned from "Village Commercial" to "Mixed Commercial". Lot E.A. 753, taking access from Monsignor Martinez Road would be rezoned from "Rural" to "Industrial". These three proposed zoning districts are within proximity to the Northern Marianas College.

Date: June 9th, 2011 (Thursday)

Time 6:00pm

Place: Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan

HLB 17-26, Section 2, paragraph K: Properties along the east coast of Saipan, in the Village of San Vicente from "Village Residential" to "Village Commercial". Properties within this site have access from Tuturam Drive and Dandan Road. This site is also within proximity to Isa Drive.

Date: June 10th, 2011 (Friday)

Time 6:00pm

Place: San Vicente Elementary School

HLB 17-26, Section 2, paragraph M: Lots 003 J 02, 003 J 03, 009 J 104, 019 J 95, and 019 J 62 from "Rural" to "Industrial". These properties are bounded by Fiesta Street on the north, Sand Street on the south, and Flame Tree Road on the west. This site is also within proximity of Tasi Drive, Magicienne Bay Avenue, and Gatbo Avenue. It is on the east side of Flame Tree Road across from the Francisco Ada International Airport.

Date: June 13th, 2011 (Monday)

Time 6:00pm

Place: Dandan Elementary School

HLB 17-26, Section 2, paragraph N: Would rezone the following lots:

032 K 01,	032 K 02,	032 K 03,	032 K 04,	032 K 07,	032 K 08,
032 K 09,	032 K 10,	032 K 12,	032 K 13,	039 K 01,	039 K 02,
039 K 03,	040 K 01,	040 K 02,	041 K 01,	044 I 01,	045 I 01,
045 I 02,	045 I 03,	045 I 05,	045 I 06,	045 I 07,	045 I 08,
045 I 09,	045 I 10,	045 I 11,	045 I 12,	045 I 13,	045 K 01,
046 I 02,	046 I 03,	046 I 04,	046 I 05,	046 I 06,	046 I 07,
046 I 09,	046 I 10,	046 I 11,	046 I 12,	57-3,	57-3G

from "Village Residential" and Village Commercial" to "Industrial". These properties are bounded by Tun Kioshi Road on the east and Magisa Drive on the west.

HLB 17-26, Section 2, paragraph O: Would rezone the following lots:

005 I 01,	005 I 03,	005 L 01,	009 L 02,	009 L 03,	009 L 05,
009 L 06,	009 L 08	009 L 09,	031 L 02,	042 L 01,	042 L 02,
592 New-1-2,	592 New-1-R/W,	592 New-1-R1,	592 New-1-R2,		
592 New-2R/W,	592-New-1R/W,	592-New-2,	592-New-R/W,		
592-New-R2,	H-70,	TR 22777-REM,	TR 22778-1,		
TR 22778-2,	TR 22778-R1,	TR 22778-R2			

from "Rural" and Village Commercial" to "Mixed Commercial". These properties are at the intersection of Msgr Martinez Road and Tun Thomas P. Sablan Road. This is at the southwest corner of Saipan near the CUC wastewater treatment plant.

HLB 17-26, Section 2, paragraph P: Would rezone the following lots:

028 K 04,	028 K 05,	028 K 06,	036 L 15,	036 L 23,	036 L 43,
036 L 47,	036 L 48,	036 L 70,	036 L 71,	036 L 72,	036 L 73,
043 L 12,	043 L 13,	043 L 14,	043 L 190,	043 L 23,	043 L 89,
043 L 90,	TR 22827				

from "Rural" to "Industrial". These properties are at the intersection of As Gonno Road and Naftan Road. This site is immediately south of the Francisco Ada International Airport. A map

Date: June 14th, 2011 (Tuesday)

Time 6:00pm

Place: Koblerville Youth Center

A map of these proposed rezones are available as a free download at www.zoning.gov.mp. Please call the Zoning Office at 234-9661 for more information.

HLB 17-26, Section 3: This would rezone all properties that border any and all major paved thoroughfares 600 feet from the centerlines on either side of such streets as "Mixed Commercial". Properties already zoned as "Mixed Commercial" or "Industrial" would not be affected.

Date: To be considered at each public hearing from June 6th to June 14th, 2011.

Time 6:00pm

Place: Each center listed above.

HLB 17-26, Section 4: A comprehensive text amendment to Table 1 entitled "Table of Permitted, Conditional and Temporary Uses" of Section 404 entitled "Allowable Uses in Zoning Districts" of the Saipan Zoning Law of 2008.

Date: June 28th, 2011.

Time 6:00pm

Place: Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan.

/S/ The Commonwealth Zoning Board

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DURING NATIONAL NURSES WEEK

We should focus on nursing shortage

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May 6-12 is National Nurses Week. Don't believe the hype that the nursing shortage is over. After warning of a shortage for years, American hospitals now claim that we have plenty of nurses at the bedside.

Hospital administrators are essentially saying that the bad economy is coercing more nurses to stay on the job. Since some nurses' husbands or wives have lost their jobs in other sectors, nurses are hanging on to their own jobs and delaying retirement.

But while the economy is taking a toll, the nursing shortage remains a serious problem.

To cut their budgets, most hospitals are not hiring enough nurses to adequately care for the kind of intensely sick patients that fill so many hospital beds today. These patients may not be getting the attention they need because nurses are assigned so many patients—six to eight on the day shift, and nine or maybe even more at night. (The optimal ratio is one nurse per four patients on medical-surgical units.) What's more, hospital hiring policies are plugging the pipeline, as few hospitals are hiring newly minted registered nurses today. All over the country, they are reporting difficulty finding jobs, as hospitals seek out experienced nurses to cover the heavy patient load.

This creates a patient care Catch-22. If hospitals won't hire new graduates, they can't get experience. And if they can't get experience, there will be no one left to hire when the experienced nurses leave their positions. Since the average age of a registered nurse is 47, a lot of nurses will be retiring in a few years, no matter how bad the economy is.

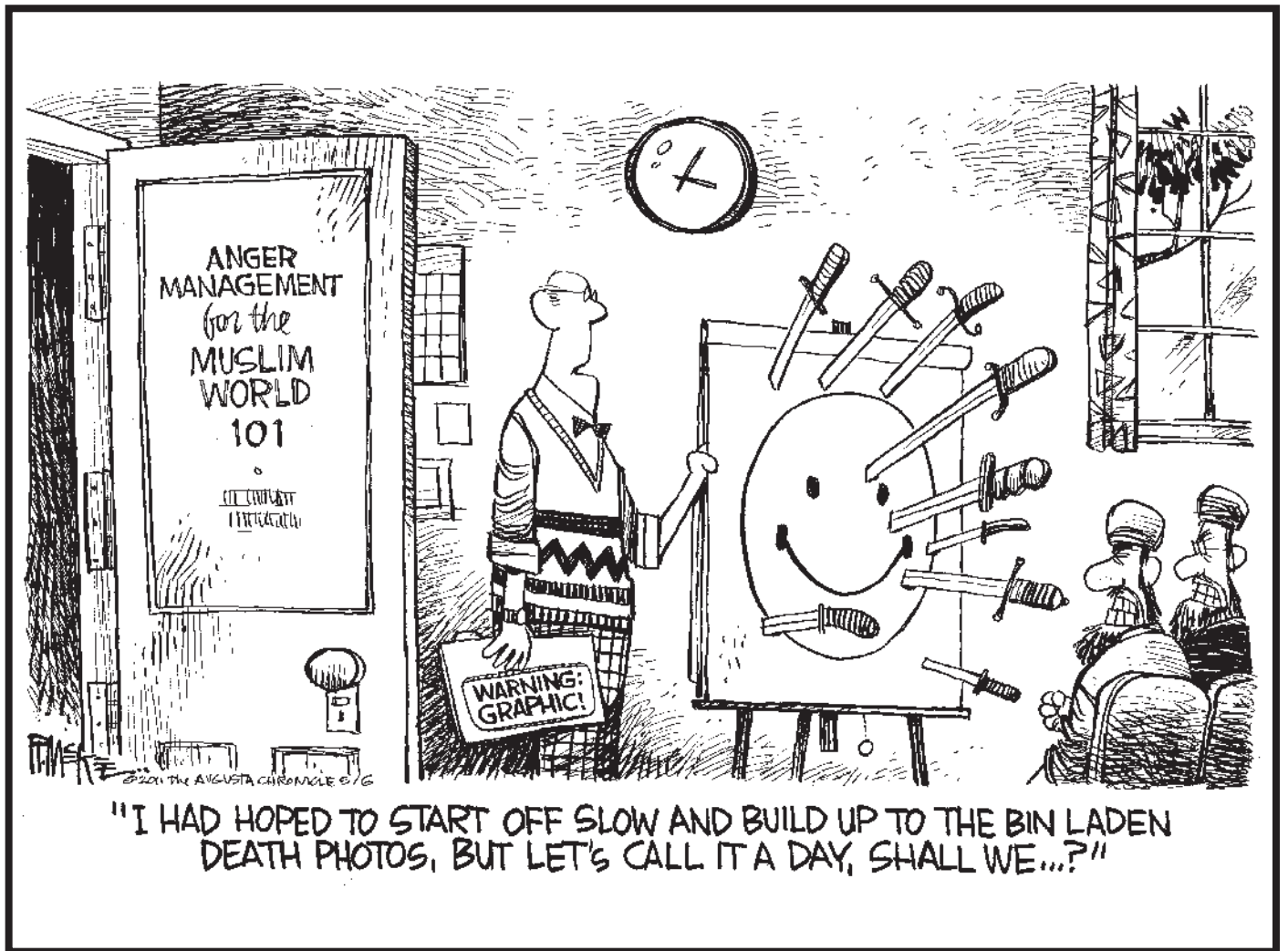
To make matters worse, hospitals, to save money, are not expeditiously filling positions left vacant when a registered nurse quits or retires. As one nurse manager at a major hospital in the Northeast told me, "They won't allow us to fill a position once we know someone is leaving. We can only fill it when they've left. Then it can take up to a year to go through the search and paperwork to get someone in that position. So we're working short for an entire year." These practices are bound to produce another catastrophic nursing shortage in only a few years.

The fundamental problem is that politicians, policymakers and health-care administrators don't seem to understand that it takes years—at least eight to 10—to produce a truly expert nurse, the kind you really want at your bedside. Hospitals seem to think you can turn on the spigot and get hot and cold running nurses. Then, when your budget gets tight, you can turn it off and, when it's convenient, turn it on again.

That's the kind of magical thinking that got us into trouble in the 1990s.

Unless hospitals are forced to change their ways, there may not be anyone there to answer the buzzer. And if you're the one ringing the buzzer, good luck.

Suzanne Gordon is a journalist whose latest book is When Chicken Soup Isn't Enough: Stories of Nurses Standing Up for Themselves, Their Patients and Their Profession. She wrote this for Progressive Media Project, a source of liberal commentary on domestic and international issues; it is affiliated with The Progressive magazine.



Diagnosis as disease

One of the first things we were taught in medical school was the pivotal role of thresholds in governing the human body. To trigger a nerve to fire or a muscle to contract, there must be a stimulus of electrical activity that exceeds a threshold value. If the threshold value is too low, muscles go into spasm and deadly rhythms develop in the heart.

Low thresholds, however, aren't just a problem for an individual's health. They are increasingly a problem for the health of our medical care system.

The threshold for diagnosis has fallen too low. Physicians are now making diagnoses in individuals who wouldn't have been considered sick in the past.

Part of the explanation is technological: diagnostic tests able to detect biochemical and anatomic abnormalities that were undetectable in the past. But part of the explanation is behavioral: We look harder for things to be wrong. We test more often, we are more likely to test people who have no symptoms, and we have changed the rules about what degree of abnormality constitutes disease (a fasting blood sugar of 130 was not considered to be diabetes before 1997; now it is).

Low diagnostic thresholds lead people who feel well to be labeled as unwell. Not surprisingly, some subsequently feel less well. In short, low diagnostic thresholds introduce more "dis"-ease into the population. Does that sound like a good thing for a "health-care" system to do?

Diagnostic thresholds that are set too low lead in turn to a bigger problem: treatment thresholds that are too low. Diagnosis is the critical entry step into medical care—getting one tends to beget treatment. That's a big reason why we are treating millions more people for high blood pressure, diabetes, osteoporosis, glaucoma, depression, heart disease—and even cancer.

To have any hope of controlling healthcare costs, doctors will have to raise their diagnostic and treatment thresholds. And higher thresholds would be good for more than the bottom line. Less diagnosis and treatment of disease would return millions of Americans to normal, healthy lives. That's right: Higher thresholds could well improve health.

To understand why, consider the marginal patient, the person who has been turned into a patient because of a lower threshold. She is a woman, say, who is now told she has osteopenia, a loss of bone density that might lead to osteoporosis. This is a condition that wouldn't even have been noted in the past, but because of more bone density testing, it is now identified. Or he is, perhaps, a man who has been told he has prostate cancer of a type that wouldn't have been detected before the advent of the PSA test and a change in the rules about what constitutes an abnormal test and triggers a biopsy.

The woman may have a bone density that is, in fact, average for her age. Perhaps more surprising, the man also may have a cellular finding that is average—or, more precisely, typical—for his age.

By **H. GILBERT WELCH**
Los Angeles Times

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Both are at extremely low risk to experience their "disease" in their lifetime. Consequently, the potential for treatment to help is extremely low, much lower than for patients diagnosed and treated using a higher threshold.

Another way to look at it is this: These marginal patients are at extremely high risk not to benefit from treatment.

Yet they face the same risk of harm from treatment. One common treatment for osteopenia can lead to ulcers in the esophagus and may even make bones more brittle with long-term use. The common treatment for prostate cancer leads many men to become impotent and/or develop bowel and bladder problems.

In short, low thresholds have a way of leading to treatments that are worse than the disease.

You might reasonably wonder: How did we get here? A big part of the story is, of course, money. Whether you are a drug company, a hospital or any other player in system, the easiest way to make more money is to encourage lower thresholds and turn more people into patients.

Lawyers get some credit too. While clinicians are sued for failure to diagnose or failure to treat, there are few corresponding penalties for overdiagnosis or overtreatment. Doctors view low thresholds as the safest strategy to avoid a courtroom appearance.

The movement to measure health-care quality, however well intended, exacerbates the problem. Many performance metrics measure whether diagnostic tests and treatments are being ordered. Because good grades typically require action, not inaction, lower thresholds are encouraged. And the advent of electronic medical records has made these actions even easier, as more and more of us have the "one-click" option to order tests and treatments.

Finally, there's our medical culture. We are trained not to miss things, however unimportant those things are. And we are trained to focus on the few we might be able to help, even if it's only 1 out of 100 (the benefit of lowering cholesterol in those with normal cholesterol but elevated C-reactive protein) or 1 out of 1,000 (the benefit of breast and prostate cancer screening).

We believe this is what our patients—and the public—cares about. But it's time for everyone to start caring about what happens to the other 999.

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Of economic paralysis

Our vision has been blurred by the deepening economic paralysis that has descended upon these isles in recent past. It has gotten worse and destined to continue heading deeper south. We try to understand with clarity what needs to be done in the interim.

But this too has been derailed by the rather quick contraction of projected revenues for 2012. It's one tough issue to navigate right smack in the middle of a superstorm set to peak anytime soon. It's the combined result of internal and external negligence.

It makes domesticating the persistent and horrendous cost of health care a woefully difficult task. Reportedly, people have sacrificed their health insurance to juggle their flat or reduced salaries to basic family needs.

Most countries have seen their recovery efforts derailed by the skyrocketing cost of oil. WSJ panel of economists and financial people predict that U.S. recovery would take at least another eight years. I say give it more like 12 years, the NMI 20 more years.

Desperate efforts have begun to stimulate fresh investments. The Senate has urged the Department of Public Lands to hasten renewal of land leases in hopes of triggering fresh economic ventures from without. It's a day late and a dollar short. It amounts to DPL maintaining the status quo where revenues are set aside in its "segregated" accounts that isn't subject to legislative appropriation. A recent court summary judgment upheld such constitutional mandate.

This setback is fueled to the hilt when confidence on return of investments was drained by protectionist policies and the lack of federal regulations on immigration. It has, on a cumulative basis, drained money that used to be recycled locally to the tune of some \$5 billion to \$7 billion in recent years. Be that as it may, it still remains our obligation to figure out how to handle this beastly financial disaster.

If we are serious about reinventing investments, then it pays to bring all key players together to draw an economic plan that could serve as a guide, initially. Such a plan should be sanctioned by the

Legislature so it stays the blueprint of the NMI subject to refinement as we move along.

Obviously such a plan requires the expert advice of economists and financial experts with credentials and experience. Both experts should be able to put our economic plan into proper perspective before we proceed. It includes determining the scale of investment and whether our basic infrastructure (labor included) is sufficient and conducive to bringing their lifetime savings and investments into the NMI. What's the NMI's comparative advantage? How soon can investors see return on investments? Is the qualifying certificate still relevant after generous land leases? These are just a few of the hard questions leadership must deal with.

Investment is no longer the same as we've seen descend on these isles in the late '60s, '70s and '80s. Japan's reconstruction funds have ceased, therefore no longer available to dump anywhere in the world. In fact, it has morphed into a consortium where investors are tallied per development component before the entire package is wrapped up for presentation. Lest we forget, Japan has to contend with rebuilding from the recent earthquake and tsunami. It will take years before they can return to normalcy.

The two branches could agree to commission a group to review investment policies to identify which ones are protectionist in nature that hinder rather than expand investments. We have our work cut out for us and it's time to buckle down and get to work. Some may require recalibration while others must be repealed in their entirety. As difficult as it may be this isn't the time to back off. Must do it today!

Prospects for fisheries

There was hope that the NMI could venture into aquaculture, but this hope was dimmed as China and Indonesia—two of the world's largest exporters of tilapia and other seafood—started muscling in further into the global requirement for fish and fish products.

With hundreds of breeding centers, fish farms, feed mills, and processing plants, China is the world's tilapia superpower, according to a WSJ fisheries analysis. And American consumers (though they don't quite like tilapia) have seen the importation of some 404

chief Ahmed Shuja Pasha.

But unless the ISI comes clean on bin Laden, it will be hard to deflect congressional pressure to cut military and civilian aid to Islamabad. It may become impossible for the two countries to cooperate on a political endgame for the Afghan war that will stabilize that country, as U.S. troops exit. Without such cooperation, Afghanistan faces renewed civil war that will spill across the AfPak border. This would be a self-inflicted tragedy for Pakistan.

The U.S.-Pakistani relationship was already on a downhill slide because of Pakistani ire over an expanded CIA presence in their country. But this presence—which Pakistan wants to slash—would be unnecessary if the ISI was in vigorous pursuit of the leaders of al-Qaida and other hard-line terrorists on their soil.

Pakistani officials have taken on their own Taliban who threaten them. But they won't confront Afghan Taliban or terrorist groups such as Lashkar-e-Taiba, whom they view as useful tools in their struggle with India. And they failed to find bin Laden.

Assume they didn't know where he was, that they were just incompetent (after all, the CIA has had big lapses). Why didn't they try harder? "Maybe they just didn't think it was their problem," Almeida surmised in his column. Too true.

The Pakistani army and ISI are so obsessed with India that they can't grasp the bigger threat within their own borders. Their distinction between "good" terrorists who fight India and the West and bad ones who attack Pakistanis is reckless; these terrorists have links to each other, and allowing them to flourish in Pakistan eats at the core of the state.

And what if—as most believe—some ISI agents were helping bin Laden. Why would they do it? As Almeida points out, "Pakistan has nothing in common with al-Qaida. They serve no purpose to us."

"Did we think we could produce him like a rabbit out of the hat when we needed to?" the columnist asks in frustration. "Or, assured in our assumptions about the world around us, did we simply think we could get away with it?"

These are the questions Americans are asking, and Pakistanis should be asking, too. We need the answers quickly.

"The best way to confront the situation is to come clean and tell people what is really happening," I was told by retired Pakistani Gen. Talat Masood, by phone from Islamabad. Instead, Pakistani officials are "posturing," doing damage control at home by focusing on the American incursion.

"This is a very dangerous way of deflecting the public's attitude from the real problem," Masood said. "Are they proposing to face the problem or not? We need to know."

By **JOHN DELROSARIO**

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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million lbs of tilapia in 2009.

Indonesia, the world's biggest source of tin and thermal coal, now wants to dominate the global market for another vital commodity: fish. Its government has started modernization of its port and other facilities to boost fish exports by 70 percent over the next three years. Other tiger countries are doing the same that brings into focus local plans to venture into aquaculture.

Perhaps the focus should be on meeting the needs of local consumers before moving into plans to export tilapia, shrimp, and other seafood abroad. The competition is too stiff in countries where minimum wage is way below what we pay employees here. Well, my hope for a sustainable market in aquaculture may have been dashed but we shouldn't be discouraged by what we're up against. Doing our due diligence could open up opportunities missed by mega-producers.

The other challenge is feed for shrimp, tilapia, and other aquaculture products, including other livestock. Unless we can come up with the manufacturing of feed for our aquaculture and other purposes, the cost of importing feed would be a formidable challenge.

It's wonderful coffee time mouthwash to talk about independence or the need to revisit the Covenant Agreement. Independence while relying on Uncle Sam for food stamps, other entitlement programs, while we sit and dish out bigoted blather against others? Lee Andersen is right and thanks for being blunt but it could not have been said any better!

Were Pakistan officials really unaware that bin Laden was living in their midst?

There is something surreal about Pakistani officials' reaction to the killing of Osama bin Laden.

Their focus has been wholly on the violation of Pakistan's sovereignty by the U.S. raid, rather than the fact that bin Laden was living well in their country. The army chief, Gen. Ashfaq Parvez Kayani, warned he would not tolerate any repeat of such covert action; the country's foreign secretary, Salman Bashir, said any similar attack could lead to "terrible consequences."

"No self-respecting nation would compromise or allow others to compromise its sovereignty," Bashir insisted. But how could any self-respecting nation allow the world's top terrorist—a foreigner—to operate out of its heartland? How could any self-respecting state permit the leader of al-Qaida—a group composed of Arabs, Uzbeks and Chechens—to base in their country?

Unless Pakistani officials address these questions head-on, they are heading for terrible consequences. They are risking not just their relationship with the United States but their country's future existence as well.

No one believes the civilian government of President Asif Ali Zardari knew bin Laden was hiding in Abbottabad. And most experts doubt that Gen. Kayani, a square shooter, was aware of bin Laden's location.

But few security experts familiar with Pakistan doubt that some agents in Pakistan's Interservice Intelligence Agency (ISI) knew of bin Laden's hideout. How could they not? He was living practically next door to Pakistan's equivalent of West Point, in a city filled with serving and retired military personnel—a city where other top al-Qaida operatives had been captured.

If the fix wasn't in, wouldn't the ISI have been watching for unusual activities, especially since the mansion where bin Laden lived had already attracted attention? Wouldn't ISI agents have checked out who lived there?

"Did they know he was here? Surely, they knew he was here," writes the astute Pakistani columnist Cyril Almeida, in Dawn newspaper. "Maybe they're so daft they didn't really take this whole business of al-Qaida seriously. Maybe they just didn't think it was their problem."

"If we didn't know, we are a failed state," Almeida adds. "If we did know, we are a rogue state. But does anybody really believe they didn't know?"

Upon the answer to this question will depend the future of U.S.-Pakistani relations. This administration, particularly Adm. Mike Mullen, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs, has tried hard to build bonds of trust with Pakistani counterparts, including Kayani and ISI

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Letter to the Editor

Farewell

To the fine folk of Tinian: It is with regret and sadness that I leave your lovely island. I have many fond memories of being invited into your homes, of joining you during happy occasions, of grieving during the sad ones, of meeting you in my office as well as outside, and, of course, the baseball games which Girlie and I always enjoyed. And I will miss the extremely proficient and dedicated hospital nursing staff, as well as the good Dr. Lebamoff, who manages to always see the humorous side of the bizarre-as-usual nature of things at THC.

I won't miss the inept management at THC or the frustration of not being paid since mid-December. I won't miss the petty professional jealousies and self-serving agendas of several of the folk at THC.

The bottom line, however, is that I have enjoyed living on Tinian and providing medical care to its fine folk. Take care of Dr. Lebamoff for he is the single honest, capable, and caring provider at THC and he truly works for the best interest of the people there. As for me, many of you know that I am off to an adventure (one where I'll actually get paid for my work). I wish you all the best during these difficult times and hope you all remain in good health. Perhaps I'll stop by to watch an evening baseball game when I return in a year or two.






Bill Weiss

Puerto Rico, Saipan

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				
Mostly sunny with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 88° ▼ 77°	▲ 88° ▼ 77°	▲ 88° ▼ 77°	▲ 88° ▼ 77°	▲ 88° ▼ 77°

Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲ 87 ▼ 81
Palau	Showers	▲ 85 ▼ 78
Yap	Partly Sunny	▲ 87 ▼ 77
Chuuk	Showers	▲ 82 ▼ 77
Pohnpei	Showers	▲ 85 ▼ 75
Kosrae	Showers	▲ 85 ▼ 78
Majuro	Showers	▲ 82 ▼ 77

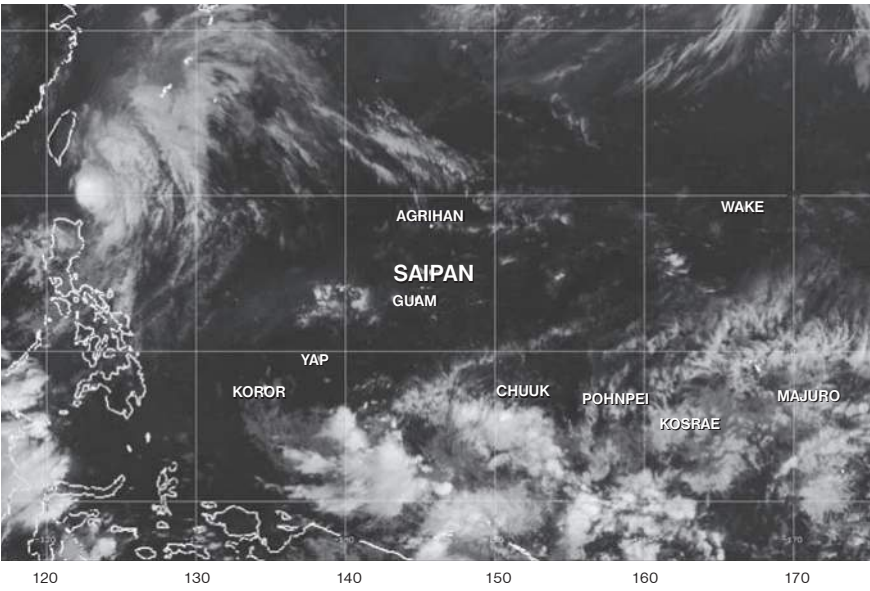
Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲ 65 ▼ 60
Beijing	Sunny	▲ 73 ▼ 54
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲ 84 ▼ 78
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲ 83 ▼ 73
London	Partly Cloudy	▲ 67 ▼ 49
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲ 72 ▼ 55
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 89 ▼ 78
Melbourne	Showers	▲ 57 ▼ 44
Miami	Sunny	▲ 91 ▼ 76
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲ 67 ▼ 53
Osaka	Showers	▲ 66 ▼ 60
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲ 73 ▼ 51
Pusan	Showers	▲ 61 ▼ 56
Rome	Sunny	▲ 76 ▼ 55
Salem	Showers	▲ 60 ▼ 41
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 62 ▼ 53
Seoul	Showers	▲ 61 ▼ 51
Tokyo	Showers	▲ 68 ▼ 58
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲ 69 ▼ 52

Tides

Saipan Harbor			
2:15 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
8:17 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.0 Feet
12:54 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.5 Feet
7:57 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2011

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A near-equatorial trough stretches east-southeastward from 7N132E through a weak circulation centered southeast of Yap at 4N141E to end near Kosrae at 4N165E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms associated with the trough and circulation are occurring between the equator and 6N from 135E to 167E. This broad area encompasses much of Micronesia including Kosrae but lies south of Koror, Yap, Chuuk and Pohnpei. Upper-level divergence is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms west of the Marianas within 40 miles of a line from 14N138E to 14N141E. A trade-wind disturbance is producing scattered showers across the Marshalls over Majuro but south of Kwajalein within 150 miles of a line from 8N170E to EQ172E. Trade-winds converging to the lee of this system are causing scattered showers east of Majuro or east of a line from 3N174E to 9N174E.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:50 AM	6:37 PM
Thursday	5:50 AM	6:37 PM
Friday	5:49 AM	6:38 PM
Saturday	5:49 AM	6:38 PM
Sunday	5:49 AM	6:38 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	12:30 PM	12:28 AM
Thursday	1:26 PM	1:12 AM
Friday	2:23 PM	1:56 AM
Saturday	3:22 PM	2:40 AM
Sunday	4:23 PM	3:26 AM

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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM				GUAM-SAIPAN			
C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily	C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
C09313	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6	C09596	6:35am	7:25am	3, 6
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	C09596	7:00am	7:50am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7	C09600	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	5K389	1:35pm	2:25pm	1, 4, 6
5K382	6:00pm	6:50pm	2, 5, 7	C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09605	6:30pm	7:20pm	Daily	C09604	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
C09599	9:30pm	10:20pm	Daily	C09606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:00am	8:45am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:20pm	Daily	DL288	8:05pm	12:35am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5	OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ603	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ604	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7	OZ606	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
MU590	4:30am	7:20am	2, 6	MU589	8:50pm	3:30am+1	1, 5
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 5	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 4	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:25am	1 via ICN	OZ704/603	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:25am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	DL172/288	7:45am	12:35am+1	Daily via NRT
C09317/891	4:25am	9:45am	3, 6 via GUM	C0890/9606	10:55am	8:50pm	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:00am	10:15pm	Daily via NRT	OZ702/605	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
C09313/933	7:55am	8:40pm	3, 6 via GUM	OZ702/605	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C09603/933	3:05pm	8:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7 via GUM	C0892/9596	9:55pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM- Palau
C09603/893	3:05pm	10:10pm	2, 5 via GUM- Palau	PR110/C09596	10:15pm	7:25am+1	6 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:20pm	11:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7 ICN	PR110/C09596	10:15pm	7:50am+1	1, 2, 4, 7 via GUM
OZ604/715	3:20pm	11:30pm	7	C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 4, 7 via GUM
C09599/PR111	9:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:25am+1	3, 6 via GUM
				C0934/9596	11:25pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG				HONG KONG-SAIPAN			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ724/603	12:30am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ750/603	1:00am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
C09603/909	3:05pm	9:25pm	1, 5 via GUM	5K169	9:55am	5:00pm	2, 5, 7
5K168	3:25pm	6:35pm	1, 4, 6	OZ722/605	1:25pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ604/749	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/605	1:25pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
				C0910/9596	10:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM
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FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota				FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
FRE 400	17:50	18:20	Daily				
Saipan-Rota				Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 400	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily				



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Business

Report: Microsoft near deal to buy Skype

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Microsoft Corp. is nearing a deal to buy the popular Internet telephone service Skype in what could be the biggest deal in the software maker's 36-year history, according to a published report.

If Microsoft does buy Sky-

pe, *The Wall Street Journal* reported that the deal could be valued at \$8.5 billion, including assumed debt. At that price, a Skype takeover would top Microsoft's biggest previous acquisition—a \$6 billion purchase of the online ad service aQuantive in 2007.

Citing unnamed people familiar with the matter, the *Journal* said Microsoft could announce an agreement with Skype as early as Tuesday. The newspaper reported the same people also cautioned the talks could fall apart.

Spokesmen for Microsoft

and Skype declined comment on the report late Monday.

Buying Skype would give Microsoft a potentially valuable communications tool as it tries to make a bigger splash on the Internet and become a bigger force in the increasingly important smartphone market.

Skype boasts about 663 million users worldwide who make voice and video calls over the Internet. The amount of calling on Skype's network totaled 207 billion minutes last year, according to regulatory documents.

Most people use Skype's free calling services, a penchant that has made it difficult for the service to make money since entrepreneurs Niklas Zennstrom and Janus Friis started the Luxembourg company in 2003.

Skype lost \$7 million on revenue of \$860 million last year, according to papers that the company has filed since announcing its intentions last summer to launch an initial public offering of stock. The IPO, however, has been in a holding pattern. An average of about 8.8 million customers per month pay to use Skype services.

Although it makes billions from its computer software, Microsoft has been accustomed to losing money on the Internet in a mostly futile attempt to catch up to Google Inc. in the lucrative online search market. Microsoft got so des-

perate that it made a \$47.5 billion bid to buy Yahoo Inc. three years ago, but withdrew the offer after Yahoo balked. Yahoo is now worth about half of what Microsoft offered.

Since hiring former Cisco Systems Inc. executive Tony Bates as its CEO last year, Skype has explored joint ventures or an outright sale with Google Inc. and Facebook, according to unverified reports in newspapers and blogs.

If Skype does sell to Microsoft, it would mark its second go-around under the ownership of a large company. Ebay Inc. bought Skype for \$2.6 billion in 2005, but its attempt to unite the phone service with its online shopping bazaar never worked out. It would up selling a 70 percent stake in Skype to a group of investors led by private equity firms Silver Lake and Andreessen Horowitz for \$2 billion 18 months ago.

Besides eBay, Silver Lake and Andreessen Horowitz, Skype's other major shareholders are Joltid and Canada Pension Plan Investment Board.

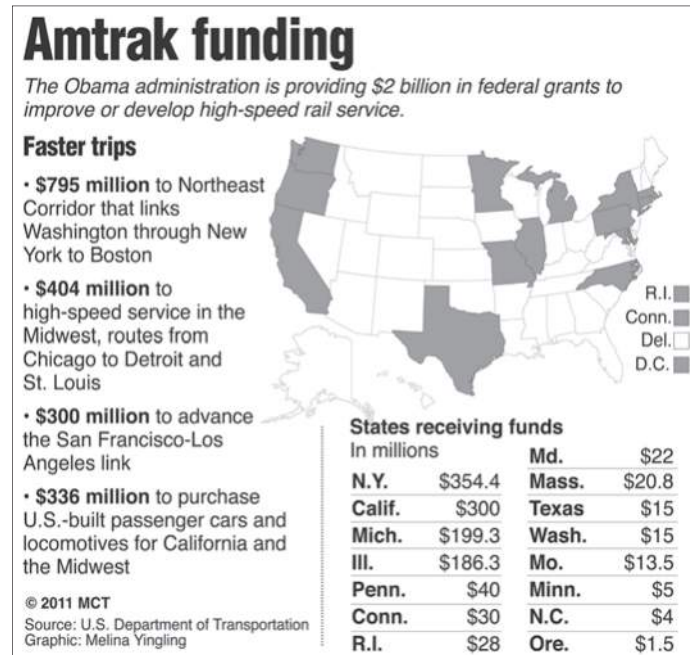
\$2B for rail projects, speed upgrades announced

NEW YORK (AP)—Money designated for a now-canceled rail line in Florida was divvied up among nearly two dozen projects around the country Monday, heartening supporters but giving critics fuel to deride it as a diversion from President Barack Obama's high-speed-train ambitions or as a simple waste of money.

The bulk of the \$2 billion is to go the congested Washington-New York-Boston corridor, where \$795 million in improvements should allow trains to run at 160 mph on a stretch where they are currently limited to 135 mph. Another \$404 million will go toward increasing speeds to 110 mph between Chicago and Detroit.

"These are tremendous transportation projects and investments that America cannot do without," Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood told reporters at a news conference in New York's Pennsylvania Station, the nation's busiest train depot. He delivered a twin announcement later in the day in Detroit.

Only about \$300 million will immediately go toward true high-speed railroads like those in Europe and Asia. That money is earmarked for a 220-mph link planned between Los Angeles and San Francisco.



Speeding up trains significantly through the Northeast could prove difficult because the region is so congested, with different railroads often sharing the same tracks and stations. Some even doubt it can be done, period.

Matthew Konopka, a 30-year-old economist from Washington, travels to Boston a few times each month. Traveling by plane takes him about 3 1/2 hours, including check-in time and getting through security. Amtrak's fast Acela trains take about seven hours.

"It's too much of a waste of

time," Konopka said of the trains. "I would be doubtful that they'd ever be able to get it fast enough."

The projects being funded by the diverted money range from a train station in Ann Arbor, Mich., to elevated tracks in Washington state, platform improvements in Rhode Island and engineering studies in Texas.

"Once again, the administration has scattered funding to numerous slower-speed rail projects, and allowed Amtrak to hijack 21 of the 22 grants," Rep. John L. Mica, the Florida Republican who chairs the House

Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, said in a written statement. His home state lost the money when Gov. Rick Scott canceled plans for a high-speed train between Orlando and Tampa.

Politicians in the Northeast enthusiastically lobbied for the money, hoping to improve their constituents' travel times and lure more passengers away from the region's gridlocked highways and congested airports. Delays at New York's three main airports frequently snarl air travel across the United States.

"We must take our passengers off the short-run airplanes," said Rep. Jerrold Nadler, a New York Democrat. "No one in a properly functioning transportation environment should take a plane from New York to Washington, or for that matter from Boston to Washington."

The improvements should benefit New York commuters by making the overhead electrical lines that New Jersey Transit shares more reliable. Another \$295 million upgrade will benefit the Long Island Rail Road, the nation's largest commuter railroad, by allowing Amtrak trains to bypass the Harold Interlocking, a busy junction in the New York City borough of Queens.

Oil falls to near \$101 ahead of US supply reports

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)—Oil prices fell to near \$101 a barrel Tuesday in Asia as traders anticipated a further rise in weekly U.S. crude inventories in a sign of weakening demand.

Benchmark crude for June delivery was down \$1.65 to \$100.90 a barrel at midday Kuala Lumpur time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract rose \$5.37, or 5.5 percent, to settle at \$102.55 on Monday.

In London, Brent crude for June delivery was down \$1.53

to \$114.37 a barrel on the ICE Futures exchange.

Oil rose Monday after a steep 15 percent fall last week but traders took profits Tuesday ahead of weekly U.S. energy data and after US exchange operator CME Group said it is raising the margin requirements for trade in a wide range of oil products.

Crude inventories likely rose 1.6 million barrels last week, continuing an uptrend since early January, according to analysts surveyed by Platts, the energy information arm of

McGraw-Hill Cos.

The American Petroleum Institute is scheduled to announce its inventory numbers later Tuesday while the Energy Department's Energy Information Administration reports its weekly supply data Wednesday.

"Crude supplies are expected to show a small build due largely to a continued strong import pace that should more than offset increased demand from the refinery system," said oil analyst Jim Ritterbusch in a report.

Other analysts expect oil

prices to continue gaining due to renewed strength in stock markets, continued strong Chinese demand and OPEC output restraint. Ritterbusch and Associates said dramatic oil price swings are likely to continue this month, pegging it at a low of \$92 and fresh high above \$115 a barrel.

In other Nymex trading in June contracts, heating oil shed 2 cents to \$2.94 a gallon and gasoline added 0.5 cent to \$3.28 a gallon. Natural gas futures were up 3.5 cents at \$4.189 per 1,000 cubic feet.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Sony to restore PlayStation Network by end of May

TOKYO (AP)—Sony says it aims to fully restore its PlayStation Network, shut down after a massive security breach, by the end of May. Satoshi Fu-kuoka, a spokesman for Sony Computer Entertainment Inc., said Tuesday a probe into a recent hacker attack on the network is ongoing. He declined to give details. Sony shut down the network, a system that links gamers worldwide in live play, on April 20 after discovering the security breach. Sony said the network intrusion has compromised personal data from over 100 million online accounts.

Apple details iPhone tracking for Congress

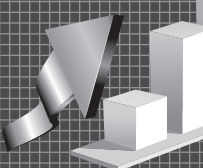
SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Apple is telling Congress that its iPhone location tracking is meant to improve service, not stalk customers. The company outlined its stance in a letter released Monday by the House of Representatives. An Apple Inc. vice president, Guy Trib-

ble, is set to testify Tuesday before a Senate subcommittee. A Google Inc. executive, Alan Davidson, is also set to testify. Congress is demanding details from smartphone companies about their tracking practices, after researchers revealed last month that iPhones and Android phones themselves were secretly keeping track of users' locations.

Fiat could own 70 pct. of Chrysler by next year

DETROIT (AP)—Italian automaker Fiat SpA could own more than 70 percent of Chrysler Group within a year once it repays its government loans and exercises other options. Chrysler spelled out the terms of Fiat's ownership in a filing Monday with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Fiat announced last month that it would pay \$1.3 billion to increase its stake in Chrysler to 46 percent. Fiat expects to have a 51-percent stake by the end of this year, which would allow it to appoint a majority to Chrysler's board.

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DOW	S&P	NASDAQ
12,684.70	1,346.29	2,843.25
45.94	6.09	15.69
0.36%	0.45%	0.55%

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Australian Dollar	0.9331	Hong Kong Dollar	7.7713	Philippine Peso	43.1500
British Pound	0.6105	Indian Rupee	44.795	Singapore Dollar	1.2373
Canadian Dollar	0.9662	Indonesian Rupiah	8,587.5	South Korean Won	1,083.338
Chinese Yuan	6.4932	Japanese Yen	80.6725	Swiss Franc	0.8773
Euro	0.6956	Malaysian Ringgit	3.0071	Taiwan Dollar	28.6755
		New Zealand Dollar	1.2644	Thailand Baht	30.2150

Nation

ACROSS THE NATION

Ariz. taking immigration law to US Supreme Court

PHOENIX (AP)—Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer announced Monday she will ask the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn a ruling that put the most controversial parts of the state's immigration enforcement law on hold. The planned appeal to the high court comes after Brewer lost an initial appeal April 11, when a three-judge panel of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals refused to reverse a lower court's order that prevented key parts of the law from being enforced. Attorney General Tom Horne said going directly to the Supreme Court and skipping a possible second appeal to the 9th Circuit will save time in resolving the case, while Brewer said she is confident "Arizona will prevail in its fight to protect its citizens."

Suspect in flight disturbance had California ID

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The passengers sat stunned as they watched a man walk quickly toward the front of American Airlines Flight 1561 as it was descending toward San Francisco. He was screaming and then began pounding on the cockpit door. "I kept saying to myself: 'What's he doing? Does he have a bomb? Is he armed?'" passenger Angelina Marty said. Another shocked passenger, Andrew Wai, thought, "Could this be it? Are we going down?"

Absolute Poker lays off US pros after indictments

LAS VEGAS (AP)—The parent company of online poker websites Absolute Poker and Ultimate Bet said Monday it laid off 11 sponsored poker professionals in the United States as two of its executives face charges of tricking banks into processing illegal gambling payments. Antigua-based Blanca Games said it has severed ties to players including Joe Sebok, Prahlad Friedman, Anthrax guitarist Scott Ian and "Real World" reality star Trishelle Cannatella. "This was a difficult task for Blanca's management, and we are very disappointed that we have been compelled to sever ties with our sponsored pros," the company said. "We are truly saddened that circumstances have dictated this course of action."

Memphis music landmarks spared from river flooding

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—The Mississippi River rose Monday to levels not seen in Memphis since the 1930s, swamping homes in low-lying neighborhoods and driving hundreds of people from their homes. But officials were confident the levees would protect the city's world-famous musical landmarks, including Graceland and Beale Street, and that no new areas would have any serious flooding.

As residents in the Home of the Blues waited for the river to crest as early as Monday night at a projected mark just inches short of the record set in 1937, officials downstream in Louisiana began evacuating prisoners from the state's toughest penitentiary and opened floodgates to relieve pressure on levees outside of New Orleans.

In Memphis, authorities have gone door-to-door to 1,300 homes over the past few days to warn people to clear out, but they were already starting to talk about a labor-intensive clean up, signaling the worst was likely over.

"Where the water is today, is where the water is going to be," Cory Williams, chief of geotechnical engineering for the Army Corps of Engineers in Memphis, told The Associated Press.

Exactly how many people heeded the warnings was not immediately clear, but more than 300 people were staying in shelters, and police stepped up patrols in evacuated areas to prevent looting.

Aurelio Flores, 36, his pregnant wife and their three children were among 175 people staying in a gymnasium at the Hope Presbyterian Church in Shelby County. His mobile home had about 4 feet of water when he last visited the trailer park on Wednesday.

"I imagine that my trailer, if it's not covered, it's close," said Flores, an unemployed construction worker. "If I think about it too much, and get angry about it, it will mean the end of me."

Sun Studio, where Elvis Presley made some of the recordings that helped him become king of rock 'n' roll, was not in harm's way. Nor was Stax Records, which launched the careers of Otis Redding and the Staple Singers. Sun Studio still does some recording, while Stax is now a museum.

Graceland, Presley's former estate several miles south of downtown, was in no danger either.

"I want to say this: Graceland is safe. And we would

charge hell with a water pistol to keep it that way and I'd be willing to lead the charge," said Bob Nations Jr., director of the Shelby County Emergency Management Agency.

Talking about the river levels, he later added: "They're going to recede slowly, it's going to be rather putrid, it's going to be expensive to clean up, it's going to be labor-intensive."

The main Memphis airport was not threatened, nor was FedEx, which has a sorting hub at the airport that handles up to 2 million packages per day.

An NBA playoff game Monday night featuring the Memphis Grizzlies at the FedEx Forum downtown was not affected, and a barbecue contest this weekend was moved to higher ground.

"The country thinks we're in lifeboats and we are underwater. For visitors, it's business as usual," said Kevin Kane, president and chief executive of the Memphis Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Sandbags were put up in front of the 32-story tall Pyramid Arena, which was once used for college and pro basketball but is now being turned into a fishing and sporting goods store.

Woman free from prison for belated Mother's Day

DRAPER, Utah (AP)—A Utah woman freed from prison after 17 years began celebrating a belated Mother's Day with her family Monday now that she has been declared "factually innocent" in a 1993 murder.

Debra Brown is the first inmate exonerated under a 2008 Utah law allowing judges to reconsider convictions based on new factual—not scientific—evidence.

Brown's exit from the Utah State Prison touched off an emotional reunion in the pouring rain.

About three dozen family members and friends waited outside the prison gates, huddled under umbrellas, and clutching colorful balloons, until Brown was released shortly after 2:30 p.m.

Brown, 53, first hugged her youngest son, Ryan, and released the bouquet of yellow balloons into the air.

Though she couldn't pedal a powder-blue bicycle out of prison as she dreamed, the coaster was waiting there in the parking lot, a stuffed Chihuahua toy in the plastic white basket.

"Gosh," Brown said upon being surrounded by media after meeting with family. "I don't think there's a word



Debra Brown, right, hugs her son Ryan Buttars after exiting the Utah State Prison a free woman Monday, May 9, 2011, in Draper, Utah.

for it. Overwhelmed. I'm so blessed, so lucky."

As for what she looked forward to doing first, Brown said, "Just being with them."

One of the biggest hugs was for brother Dave Scott, who made

sure the bike was clean and ready to go. "She found a picture of that bike, tore it out of the magazine, and sent it to me with the price tagged circled and the note, 'That will never happen,'" Scott said.

"I knew I had to go find that

bike. It's been found and been purchased. I know she won't ride it today, but she'll get to look at it and honk that horn, and that's worth it."

Brown was sentenced to life in the death of Lael Brown, 75.

Gingrich, with experience and baggage, joins race

ATLANTA (AP)—Newt Gingrich, the House speaker who led a national GOP resurgence in the 1990s before facing ethics questions and resigning, is running for president.

Gingrich's announcement, made on social networking websites Monday, came after months of public flirting with a bid. He enters a slow-to-form GOP presidential field that has left some Republicans craving more options as they search for a nominee strong enough to credibly challenge President Barack Obama.

The former Georgia congressman, well-known to most Republicans, brings to the race

a years-in-the-making political machine with ties to early nominating states as well as a network of supporters and donors. But his personal baggage—he's acknowledged marital infidelity and has had two divorces—could hinder his chances of winning the party's presidential nomination more than a decade after leaving the House.

Still, he spoke confidently of wide support.

"I have been humbled by all the encouragement you have given me to run," Gingrich said in a Facebook posting that urged



Gingrich

supporters to watch Fox News Channel on Wednesday. "I will be on to talk about my run for president of the United States."

Gingrich, 67, has spent months raising money, assembling a campaign team and

visiting early primary-season states. He already has opened a headquarters in a suburb of Atlanta, and he will make his first speech as a candidate on Friday to the Georgia Republican Party Convention.

He is trying to position himself in the race as a policy heavyweight who used his time

in Congress to overhaul welfare, balance the federal budget and cut taxes. Earlier this year, he outlined an energy policy overhaul, proposed an Environmental Solutions Agency to replace the Environmental Protection Agency and described Obama's policies as a "war on American energy."

Gingrich is among the field's best-known candidates; only 14 percent of Republican or GOP-leaning voters said they didn't know him in an Associated Press-GfK poll in March. Among Republicans and those who lean toward that party, 61 percent had a favorable opinion of him.

So far, several Republicans

The two are not related.

Prosecutors are appealing the judge's decision to overturn the conviction but were not fighting to keep her in prison during that process.

Assistant Utah Attorney General Scott Reed said he wants another judge to review the facts against Debra Brown because there is "too much contradictory and competing" information in the case.

Second District Court Judge Michael DiReda last week ruled that Debra Brown's alibi shows she was elsewhere when the victim was shot to death.

Reed said because the case is the first of its kind in Utah, "We want to be fairly certain of the process as it gets applied on other cases down the road."

But he didn't believe it appropriate to stay the release order further.

"It seems rather inhumane to continue to incarcerate her when the burden is now on the state to establish some error in the process," Reed said. "The presumption is she is innocent of the crime and should be freed. It seems cruel, frankly, to try to keep her there for any longer."

have formed campaign exploratory committees, including former Govs. Mitt Romney of Massachusetts and Tim Pawlenty of Minnesota and former Sen. Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania. And several others, including Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels, are considering running.

"The more the better," Daniels told reporters in Indianapolis when asked about Gingrich. He said the former speaker's announcement would not affect his own decision.

Gingrich abruptly left office in 1999 after seeing his popularity plummet and Republicans lose big in midterm elections a year earlier.

Asia

Storm moves away from PH, leaves 17 dead

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Tropical Storm Aere blew away from the northern Philippines on Tuesday, leaving at least 17 people dead but sparing vast agricultural regions where farmers welcomed the rain, officials said.

Disaster officials had feared the storm would barrel through provinces during planting season and set off flash floods and landslides. After slamming Catanduanes province Sunday, it began to weaken and just grazed the country's northeastern seaboard, bringing rain to farmlands scorched by the summer heat, officials said.

"It's a welcome relief for the farmers," regional disaster-response official Norma Talosig told The Associated Press by telephone from northern Cagayan province, where planting for rice, corn and peanuts has begun.

Still, disaster officials warned villagers to stay away from mountainous areas prone to landslides and from low-lying areas that could be swamped by flash floods, especially in the northernmost province of Batanes. Fishermen and ferry operators at the tip of northern Luzon island were advised to keep their boats ashore.

Government forecaster Raymond Ordinario said Aere was hurtling at sea about 62 miles



In this photo released by the Philippine Naval Forces Southern Luzon, members of the Disaster Response and Rescue Team evacuate families to higher ground as Tropical Storm Aere causes flooding in Libon town, Albay province, eastern Philippines on Monday May 9, 2011.

(100 kilometers) east of Batanes on Tuesday and blowing toward southern Japan with sustained winds of 40 miles (65 kilometers) per hour and gusts of 50 mph (80 kph).

On Monday, officials in Taiwan cautioned residents in the eastern and southern parts of the island of possible torren-

tial rains.

Aere caused 17 deaths in the Philippines, including three people who perished in a house buried by a landslide in Camarines Sur province. At least 10 people drowned, while other storm deaths were caused by electrocution, a truck crash and two health problems.

More than 50 flights were canceled or diverted. President Benigno Aquino III delayed his flight home from a summit in Indonesia by a day, to Monday, due to the weather.

Aere was the second tropical storm to batter the Philippines this year. About 20 typhoons and storms lash the country annually.

Japan nuclear plant closing while seawall is built

TOKYO (AP)—A Japanese utility agreed Monday to shutter three nuclear reactors at a coastal power plant while it builds a seawall and improves other tsunami defenses there.

Chubu Electric Power Co. acted at a special board meeting after Prime Minister Naoto Kan requested the temporary shutdown at the Hamaoka plant amid concerns an earthquake magnitude 8.0 or higher could strike the central Japanese region sometime within 30 years.

The government's decision came after evaluating Japan's 54 reactors for quake and tsunami vulnerability after the March 11 disasters that crippled the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant in northeast Japan. The Hamaoka facility sits above a major fault line and has long been considered Japan's riskiest nuclear power plant.

Chubu Electric President Akihisa Mizuno described Kan's request, which was announced on live television Friday evening, as carrying immense weight. His company's response reflects its commitment to putting safety first, Mizuno said.

"We believe that our efforts to strengthen safety will restore trust among people in the region and society," he said at a news conference.

The utility will shutter the No. 4 and No. 5 reactors at the plant, Mizuno said. It will also indefi-



nately delay a planned resumption of the No. 3 reactor, which has been shut down for regular maintenance since late last year.

The plant's non-operating No. 1 and No. 2 reactors were slated for decommission before the disaster.

About 79,800 people live within a 6-mile (10-kilometer) radius of the Hamaoka plant about 125 miles (200 kilometers) west of Tokyo.

Nuclear energy provides more

than one-third of Japan's electricity, and shutting the Hamaoka plant is likely to exacerbate power shortages expected this summer. The three reactors account for more than 10 percent of Chubu's power supply.

The Hamaoka plant provides power to central Japan, including nearby Aichi, home of Toyota Motor Corp. The potential electricity problems only add to the automaker's woes.

Like other Japanese automak-

ers, Toyota was hit hard in its production capacity when the earthquake and tsunami devastated the country's northeast coast. The region is home to a network of key auto-parts suppliers whose plants were crippled by the natural disasters and subsequent electricity shortages.

The crisis has cost Toyota output of 400,000 vehicles in Japan, and another 100,000 overseas.

Chubu Electric estimates electricity demand will climb to 25.6 million kilowatts per month during July and August when temperatures are highest. Without power from the Hamaoka plant, it is projecting "a very difficult" situation through the summer, Mizuno said.

Kan told reporters he welcomed the news.

"It was a very good decision," he said, adding that his administration would do its best to help Chubu avoid power shortfalls.

Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry Banri Kaieda said the government stands ready to provide financial support to the utility to cover related costs and losses.

Reaction from Japan's biggest business lobby was harsh.

Hiromasa Yonekura, head of the Nippon Keidanran, criticized Kan's unusually forceful request to Chubu Electric and expressed concern about the economic implications of the shutdown.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Philippine court OKs plea bargain with general

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—A Philippine anti-graft court approved on Monday a much-criticized plea bargain deal between prosecutors and a former senior general accused of plunder. The court said the evidence of plunder was weak and former Maj. Gen. Carlos Garcia had complied with all preconditions for the deal, including returning assets worth 135 million pesos (\$3.1 million). Garcia has pleaded guilty to the lesser charges of direct bribery and facilitating money laundering. He was released on bail in December pending sentencing on the lesser charges.

Endangered Sumatran tigers frolick on forest video

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—Video cameras captured 12 critically endangered Sumatran tigers, including mothers with their cubs, in Indonesian forests slated to be cut down, wildlife activists said Monday. One of the videos shows three young cubs playfully chasing a leaf. Another, triggered by an infrared sensor, recorded giant cats strolling across a clearing at night. Sumatran tigers are on the brink of extinction because of the destruction of forests, poaching and clashes with humans.

Chinese twins born in single body with 2 heads

BEIJING (AP)—A hospital in southwestern China says conjoined twin baby girls with a single body and two heads have been born at its facility. A staffer surnamed Wang at the Suining City Central Hospital in Sichuan province says the girls were born Thursday. Wang said Tuesday that the parents, who are farmers, did not want to have the babies at first, fearing they could not afford to keep them alive. She said they transferred the twins to a hospital in the nearby metropolis of Chongqing to be examined by experts.

Pakistan suspected of retaliating after US raid

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Suspicion rose Monday that Pakistan's intelligence service leaked the name of the CIA chief in Islamabad to local media in anger over the raid that killed Osama bin Laden—the second outing of an American covert operative here in six months.

The U.S. said it has no plans to pull the spy chief, but the incident is likely to exacerbate an already troubled relationship between the two countries a week after Navy SEALs in helicopters swooped down on bin Laden's compound without first telling the Pakistanis. The CIA and Pakistan's spy agency have long viewed each other with suspicion, which the death of the terror leader has laid bare.

The Pakistani military and intelligence services have suffered withering criticism at home for failing to stop the U.S. operation. Many Pakistanis view the raid as a violation of their sovereignty—even if they were pleased that bin Laden was killed.

U.S. officials have said they didn't tell Pakistanis in advance because they were worried someone might tip off bin Laden. American forces also used helicopters with radar-evading technology so the Pakistanis couldn't track them.

Pakistani Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani defended the military and intelligence services Monday, telling parliament it was "disingenuous for anyone to blame Pakistan ... for being in

cahoots with al-Qaida."

He acknowledged his nation's failure to track bin Laden but said the failure wasn't Pakistan's alone.

"Yes, there has been an intelligence failure," Gilani said. "It is not only ours but of all the intelligence agencies of the world."

U.S. officials have said they see no evidence that anyone in the upper echelons of Pakistan's military and intelligence establishment was complicit in hiding bin Laden in Abbottabad, an army town only 35 miles from the capital. But suspicions remain, and members of Congress have threatened to cut off U.S. aid if evidence is found.

President Barack Obama said the U.S. believes bin Laden must have had a support network inside Pakistan.

"But we don't know who or what that support network was," Obama said in an interview broadcast Sunday on CBS' "60 Minutes." "We don't know whether there might have been some people inside of government, people outside of government, and that's something that we have to investigate, and more importantly, the Pakistani government has to investigate."

Gilani proclaimed the death of bin Laden as "indeed justice done" since al-Qaida has launched many attacks inside Pakistan. But he warned the U.S. not to try a similar covert raid in the future.

World

NATO bombs Tripoli; combat stirs Libyan east front

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP)—Rebels battled Moammar Gadhafi's forces on a deadlocked front line in eastern Libya, and NATO warplanes struck Tripoli early Tuesday in the heaviest bombing of the Libyan capital in weeks.

Overnight, NATO warplanes struck at least four sites in Tripoli, setting off crackling explosions that thundered through the Libyan capital.

One strike hit a building that local residents said was used by a military intelligence agency. Another targeted a government building that officials said was sometimes used by parliament members.

It was not immediately clear what the other two strikes hit, but one of them sent plumes of smoke over the city. Libyan officials would not say what that strike hit but the smoke appeared to come from the sprawling compound housing members of Gadhafi's family.

Between explosions, an aircraft dropped burning flares. Some residents responded by raking the sky with gunfire and beeping their horns.

On the front line, heavy fighting was reported Monday south of Ajdabiya, a rebel-held town about 90 miles (150 kilometers) south of Benghazi, the rebel



AP
In this photo taken on a government organized tour, Libyan soldier and a civilian attempt to conduct traffic following an airstrike in Tripoli, Libya, early Tuesday, May 10, 2011.

headquarters in the east.

Hundreds of rebels gathered at a checkpoint outside Ajdabiya on Monday afternoon, when an AP photographer counted about 100 pickup trucks coming back from the front, each carrying four or five fighters and some with mounted subma-

chine guns.

The rebels, firing their weapons into the air as they shouted and danced, said they had been told that NATO was going to launch airstrikes on Gadhafi's forces and they had been ordered to withdraw temporarily from the front.

No overall casualty figures were available. Two ambulances came to the local hospital, and doctors said they carried the bodies of four rebels.

The cobbled-together rebel army - comprised of some deserters from Gadhafi's forces and many civilians—has been

Cuba publishes awaited details of economic changes

HAVANA (AP)—Cuba made official on Monday what had been rumored for weeks: It is legalizing the sale of real estate and cars and expanding the ranks of private cooperatives that could serve as engines for the sputtering economy, among other major changes.

The Communist Party's newly released economic guidelines also say the government will study the possibility of letting Cubans travel abroad as tourists, a long-time promise of Cuba's leaders that has yet to be fulfilled.

But the guidelines give few specifics, meaning islanders will have to wait to see the fine print when the strategy is eventually translated into law by Cuba's National Assembly. The guidelines also establish a commission which is charged with

implementing the changes.

The economic overhaul aims to pull Cuba out of a deep fiscal morass by enacting free-market reforms while preserving the Communist system ushered in by Fidel Castro's 1959 revolution. It was approved unanimously last month at a landmark Communist Party Congress, but the final document was not released until Monday.

The 313-point guidelines say the state ought to "establish the buying and selling of homes" for Cuban citizens. There is no mention of how the system will work, what restrictions will be imposed or what taxes might be levied—all crucial to judging the scope of the changes.

Previously, such details have been released once guidelines are enacted into law and published in the official govern-

ment gazette.

The framework also says Cubans should be encouraged to form cooperatives which could function as mid-size companies with many employees, a key requirement of any vibrant economy. Currently, such entities only exist in the field of agriculture. The newly released version of the guidelines allows such employee-owned businesses to directly sell products to consumers or business owners, without the state operating as an intermediary.

The cooperatives would also be free to decide how much each worker gets paid—presumably in relation to their productivity and usefulness.

The guidelines also call for legalizing the sale of cars and other vehicles. They make clear, however, that the state

is not yet in a position to sell most Cubans new cars through state-owned businesses.

Still, the change will be welcome by thousands of citizens hoping to trade or upgrade their aging vehicles. Previously, only cars built before the revolution could change hands, meaning thousands of Soviet-made Ladas and Moscoviches, as well as tiny Polskis and other cars used in the former Eastern bloc were frozen in the hands of their owners.

Cubans got around the restrictions by "lending" cars to each other—with black market brokers helping arrange what were essentially unauthorized sales. Homes were also traded using underground brokers or in complicated swaps involving many parties. Often, money would change hands under the table, despite being illegal.

13 killed in gunbattle in northern Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Mexican marines patrolling a lake along the border with Texas discovered a drug gang camp on an island, provoking a gunbattle that left 13 people dead, the navy said Monday.

Investigators in a different northern state reported finding 11 decapitated bodies and exhumed 17 remains from mass grave sites where they have found 174 dead people since last month.

One marine and 12 suspected gunmen of the Zetas drug cartel were killed in the battle Sunday on Falcon Lake in the northeastern state of Tamaulipas, the navy said in a statement.

The navy said the gunmen opened fire first when the marines discovered the camp, which the gang is believed to have used as a launching point for smuggling marijuana into Texas by speedboat. Marines seized more than 20 guns after the shootout, including several assault rifles.

Falcon Lake, a dammed section of the Rio Grande, is where U.S. citizen David Hartley was presumably chased and gunned down by pirates Sept. 30. His body has

bogged down for weeks in the area around Ajdabiya, unable to move on to the oil town of Brega. The rebels say their weapons cannot reach more than about 12 miles (20 kilometers) while Gadhafi's forces can fire rockets and shells up to twice that distance. Brega has an oil terminal and Libya's second-largest hydrocarbon complex.

Rebel pleas for heavier arms from abroad have not met any response, although NATO is carrying out airstrikes on regime forces as many countries intensify their call for Gadhafi—Libya's autocratic ruler for 42 years—to leave power.

The rebels now control most of eastern Libya, and Gadhafi most of the west, including the capital, Tripoli. Exceptions in the west include pockets of embattled rebel-held towns along the border with Tunisia, and Misrata on the coast.

not been found and Mexican investigators have reported no leads in the case.

His wife, Tiffany Hartley, told authorities she and her husband were using personal watercraft on Falcon Lake when they were approached by pirates who shot and killed her husband. The couple, who lived in nearby McAllen, Texas, at the time, were returning to Texas after photographing a historic church on the Mexican side of the lake, Hartley said.

Mexican officials called off a search for David Hartley on Oct. 14, but the case remains open.

The search was hampered when authorities received threats, presumably from the Zetas. The Tamaulipas state police commander and chief investigator of the Hartley case, Rolando Flores, was killed while the search was under way, his decapitated head delivered in a suitcase to a local Mexican army post.

Mexican authorities say they don't know whether Flores' killing was related to the Hartley case because he had been in charge of several investigations.

WORLD BRIEFS

Colombia sends reputed drug kingpin to Venezuela

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)—Colombia on Monday extradited to Venezuela a man the White House has called a major drug kingpin, sending him to face trial in the very country where he says close associates of President Hugo Chavez were his business partners. Walid

Makled was led handcuffed aboard a waiting Venezuelan Learjet at an air base in the Colombian capital of Bogota and was flown to Caracas. State television showed images of him getting into a vehicle escorted by police. He faces drug smuggling and murder charges in Venezuela. Miguel Angel Ramirez, his defense lawyer in Colombia, said by phone that Makled

plans to plead not guilty.

European Union imposes arms embargo on Syria

BRUSSELS (AP)—The European Union imposed an arms embargo Monday on Syria, where the government is conducting a violent and sometimes lethal crackdown on pro-democracy protesters. The EU is banning the shipment to

Syria of "arms and equipment that could be used for internal repression," an EU statement said late Monday. The EU also is prohibiting 13 Syrian "officials and associates of the Syrian regime" from traveling anywhere in the 27-nation union, and is freezing their assets, the statement said. The 13 have been identified as being responsible for the violent repression against the civilian

population, it said.

Chile approves huge dam project in wild Patagonia

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP)—A \$7 billion project to dam two of the world's wildest rivers for electricity has won environmental approval Monday from a Chilean government commission, despite a groundswell of opposition. The commission-

ers—all political appointees in President Sebastian Pinera's government—concluded a three-year environmental review by approving five dams on the Baker and Pascua rivers in Aysen, a mostly roadless region of remote southern Patagonia where rainfall is nearly constant and rivers plunge from Andean glaciers to the Pacific Ocean through green valleys and fjords.

Focus

How a stem-cell transplant altered two lives

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CHICAGO (AP)—The meeting between the 7-year-old boy and the 31-year-old man began awkwardly, as meetings of strangers often do. But then young Jacob Kowalik sized up the adult, and began to drop his guard.

They played tic-tac-toe. They talked about hockey. Jacob and his parents invited Marshal Davis to their house for pizza, Jacob's favorite meal.

There also was a gift, a husky dog stuffed animal, although it was not for young Jacob. It was FROM him, a small token of thanks to this man who had given Jacob a gift that the boy was too young to understand fully.

Jacob's parents knew what Davis had done for their son, but how would they convey the magnitude of their gratitude?

"What do you say to someone who saves your child's life?" Jennifer Kowalik later asked.

So she kept it simple.

"Thank you," she said, reaching out to give Davis a hug.

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It all started with a swab of the cheek more than a decade ago, almost four years before Jacob was born.

Then a young collegiate fencer at the University of Florida with his sights set on law school, Davis saw that a bone marrow registry called Gift of Life was having a drive on campus. He and some friends offered their DNA samples; it seemed like the thing to do. He filled out the required paperwork and gave it little more thought.

Then, in the summer of 2009, he received a phone call. A 5-year-old boy needed stem cells, and Davis was a match.

This was his chance to save a little boy's life.

"Wow," Davis thought. "How cool."

He was excited, but he was scared, too, as he considered the seriousness of the commitment he faced. There was medical risk to him, although generally manageable, he was told. Treatments before and during the cell harvest could be uncomfortable.

But if he did not do it, the chances of finding an equally good match, quickly, were slim.

For Jacob, this was the equivalent of winning the lottery. Doctors said the abnormalities in his marrow eventually would develop into acute leukemia without the transplant. Davis matched seven of eight of Jacob's characteristics that are considered when pairing donors and recipients; even Jacob's immediate family members were not nearly as good a match.

Davis knew he had to go through with it.

"We found a donor!" Becki Maloney, a nurse at Chicago's Children's Memorial Hospital, told Jacob's parents.

They, too, were thrilled but, like Davis, initially hesitant.

At this point, Jacob was not showing any external signs that he was sick. In fact, he appeared to be the picture of health, a gregarious, sports-loving first-grader with a big smile and a mischievous glint in his eye.

For him, a stem cell transplant came with its own risks and challenges, among them a common, potentially fatal complication called graft-versus-host disease.

But his parents also knew this had to



In this April 12, 2011 photo, stem cell donor Marshal Davis, right, poses with his stem cell recipient Jacob Kowalik, 7, at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago. Davis was visiting the hospital with Jacob and his parents, to meet the staff that performed the transplant.

By telling your story, you could save another kid's life,' Jacob's mom told him.

He stopped what he was doing. "What?" he asked. 'I think that's when he truly got it,' his mom says. 'The light bulb finally went off.'

ON THE NET

■ **Gift of Life:** <http://www.giftoflife.org>
■ **Be The Match:** <http://www.marrow.org/>

be done. This donor, and his stem cells, represented Jacob's best chance at life.

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In suburban Philadelphia where he lived with his wife Helen, Davis began treatments. As the stem cells multiplied in his blood stream, he felt achy, almost as if he had the flu—an expected symptom.

In October 2009, when it was time to harvest the stem cells, he traveled with

his parents to the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore. There, he was hooked up to a machine that, for six hours, drew his blood and sifted out his stem cells before returning that blood to his body.

The stem cells were put on ice and flown to Chicago, where Jacob and his family were waiting.

At this point, the process was still anonymous and would remain so for a year, although the Kowaliks were able to send cards to Davis, who had returned to normal life as an attorney and as fencing coach at Swarthmore College.

"Thank you for saving my brother,"

Jacob's older brother, Zach, said in a handmade card.

Finally, a year after the transplant, Davis and the Kowaliks were allowed to contact one another.

They were in touch by email at first and shared details about their lives. Jacob, Davis learned, had indeed developed graft-versus-host disease. He had lost his sandy brown hair and his skin had turned blotchy and red and is still sometimes so raw it bleeds. He also wears special glasses to protect his light-sensitive eyes.

Typically, Jacob is very strong, his parents say. Occasionally, the tears flow.

"He bottles it up," says his dad, Michael Kowalik, a salesman in the semi-conductor business. "So it's a release. He needs to get it out."

Jacob also asks a lot of questions.

"Why did I get sick?" he sometimes asks his parents. "When will I get better?"

He is well aware that some of the other children he has met at the hospital have not made it. But increasingly, his parents feel confident that he will.

His doctors do, too.

"It is very favorable for him now. The biggest concern is if he gets an infection," says Dr. Reggie Duerst, clinical director of the stem cell transplant unit at Children's Memorial.

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Last month, Davis, his wife and his mother flew to Chicago for a national fencing championship and to meet Jacob and his family. Together, they visited the hospital where Jacob has been treated; a reporter and photographer were invited along.

Jacob was shy. But his parents thought it important to share their story so that others might register to be donors.

"By telling your story, you could save another kid's life," Jacob's mom told him, on the way from their home in Chicago's suburbs.

He stopped what he was doing. "What?" he asked.

"I think that's when he truly got it," his mom says. "The light bulb finally went off."

Jacob goes to the hospital twice a week for photopheresis treatments; his blood is exposed to light and medicine to help the donor cells adapt to his body. He also is on steroids, though he is being weaned from them.

During treatment, he played cards and joked around with Davis. Even after a single weekend together, there was a surprising comfort level there. The families already were planning their next visit together on the East Coast.

"So the beach next summer?" Davis asked Jacob. "I'll go, if you go."

"Maybe," Jacob said, grinning. "Maybe never."

He giggled. Davis shook his head and smiled, too.

Jacob now goes to school two days a week. Next year, he dreams of being back on the baseball diamond and soccer field.

The Kowaliks thanked Davis and his family repeatedly, until his mother, Carol, had had enough: "No more thank-yous," she said.

"It felt good to know it was appreciated," her son added. "But this has been life-changing for us, too."

Campus Life

Kagman High hosts 19th JROTC military ball

The Kagman High School's Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps hosted the 19th CNMI Multiple School Unit Military Ball on April 30, 2011, at the Royal Taga Ballroom of the Saipan World Resort.

Over 300 cadets from Marianas High School, Tinian High School, Saipan Southern High School, and Kagman High School attended the annual event. Rota High School did not attend because of transportation issues.

The night started off with special guest speakers—Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos, CNMI Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan, Education Commissioner Rita Sablan, and LTC Robert Gay, director of Army Instruction—who all gave inspirational speeches to the crowded ballroom.

The speeches were followed by a first class meal provided by the Saipan World Resort, which then segued to a senior recognition ceremony for all graduating JROTC seniors. A total of 42 cadets went up the stage, each one having their plans after high school cited.

Entertainment was provided by cadets and students from Kagman High School, groups Rock A Beat Kings, 256 boys, ETC, Sole' dees, and the Refalu-



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
VIPs in attendance at the Multiple School Unit Military Ball. Top row, from left: SSG Roger Thompson, CSM Leonard Rabago, SFC Cel Damian, SGM Ric Basa, LTC Robert Gay, Education Board member Herman Guerrero; Education Commissioner Rita Sablan; Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos; CNMI Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan, MSG James Burke, 1SG Lairopi Juan, SFC Tony Lukeala, CPT Torres, 1SG Gene Guzman. Bottom row, from left: KHS principal Alfred Ada, KHS VP Leila Staffler, PSS Leadership team Lynette Villagomez, PSS finance manager Richard Waldo, PSS federal finance manager Tim Thornburgh, Veterans Affairs director Ruth Coleman, HJHS principal Jonas Barcinas, MHS VP Christine Tudela, MHS VP Cherlyn Cabrera, and media department Armaline Cabrera.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
A total of 42 cadets went up the stage for the senior recognition ceremony for all graduating JROTC seniors.

wasch Cultural Dance Group.

A slideshow of past year's events at all schools followed, showing each school's community service and service learning activities.

Over 100 door prizes were given away, including nine raffle prizes worth \$3,000, with a grand prize a 42" flatscreen TV with DVD player that was won by cadet CPL Anthony Foster from Kagman High School.

The ball was topped off with open floor dancing for all of the cadets, with music provided by the 256 Boys keyboard and singers from Kagman High School—Emerick Kaipat, Jonathan Sabulao, and Ian Iriarte. (PR)

Saipan Southern students make book-and-movie connection with *Beastly*

Saipan Southern High School students who read the book *Beastly* by Alex Flinn packed the movie theater Tuesday last week to participate in the final movie and literature connection event. Students waited for the release of the movie at the Hollywood Theaters to see the book come alive on the big screen.

This group of moviegoers had high expectations since they read the book. Students were able to make comparisons between the book and the movie.

Sophomore student Celine Cabrera said, "As we read the book in class, I was [expecting] to watch the movie and enjoy it as much as I enjoyed



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Saipan Southern High School students mug for the camera while waiting for the screening of the movie *Beastly* at the Hollywood Theaters in San Jose Tuesday last week.

reading the book."

Sophomore student Dayanara Flores said, "I'm not that disappointed [with the movie] but it's a good thing I read the book first."

SSHS librarian Sudi Napalan said, "Sometimes students walk out of the theaters with strong emotions. I believe that I have helped them to be intelligent viewers by getting them to read the literature before watching the movie."

The Movie and Literature

Connection event was organized by the SSHS Book Club to encourage their peers to read books that are made into movies. This was the 10th and final movie event that will be organized by the SSHS Book Club students.

Special thanks to Laura Bush Foundation, SSHS Language Arts Department, Bestseller Bookstore, Tasi Tours and Saipan Hollywood Theaters for making this event possible. (PR)

DES registration starts Monday

Registration for Dandan Elementary School for school year 2011-2012 begins Monday, May 16, 2011, and will last up until June 16, 2011, from 8am to 4pm in the main office.

Enrollment for kindergarten is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Registration requirements:

- Birth certificate*Children must be born September 1, 2005 thru August 31, 2006
- Health Certificate
- Health/Accident insurance
- Map of residential location

- Power of attorney/guardianship (if applicable)
- Copy of SS Card

For 1st Grade through 6th Grade, the requirements are:

- Birth certificate
- Health Certificate
- Health/Accident insurance
- Map of residential location
- Power of attorney/guardianship (if applicable)
- Copy of SS Card
- Unofficial transcript from last school attended

For more information, call Jessica Borja at 237-3662. (PR)

NMC SUMMER 2011 CALENDAR

The Northern Marianas College has announced the following academic dates for the summer 2011 semester:

Regular summer session: May 23 – July 22, 2011 (9 weeks)

- May 18 – 20: Registration (9am – 6pm)
- May 23: First day of instruction
- May 23-25: Add/drop days
- May 30: Legal holiday (Memorial Day)
- May 31: Last day of 80 percent refund
- June 3: Last day of 40 percent refund
- June 10: Last day to withdraw
- July 4: Legal holiday (Liberation Day)

- July 21: Last day of instruction
- July 22: Final exam

Extended summer session: May 23 – Aug. 12, 2011 (12 weeks)

- May 18 – 20: Registration (9am – 6pm)
- May 23: First day of instruction
- May 23-25: Add/drop days
- May 30: Legal holiday (Memorial Day)
- June 3: Last day of 80 percent refund
- June 10: Last day of 40 percent refund
- June 17: Last day to withdraw
- July 4: Legal holiday (Liberation Day)
- Aug. 11: Last day of in-

- struction
- Aug. 12: Final exam

Summer session I: May 23 – July 1, 2011 (6 weeks)

- May 18 – 20: Registration (9am – 6pm)
- May 23: First day of instruction
- May-23-25: Add/drop days
- May 27: Last day of 80 percent refund
- May 30: Legal holiday (Memorial Day)
- June 1: Last day of 40 percent refund
- June 3: Last day to withdraw
- June 30: Last day of instruction
- July 1: Final exam
- July 4: Legal holiday (Lib-

eration Day)

Summer session II: July 5 – Aug. 12, 2011 (6 Weeks)

- May 18 – July 1: Registration (9am – 6pm)
- May 30: Legal holiday (Memorial Day)
- July 4: Legal holiday (Liberation Day)
- July 5: First day of instruction
- July 5 – 7: Add/drop days
- July 11: Last day of 80 percent refund
- July 13: Last day of 40 percent refund
- July 15: Last day to withdraw
- Aug. 11: Last day of instruction
- Aug. 12: Final exam

Life & Style

Necesito, Emul top 'Taste' hot dog eating competition

For being the quickest among 22 international competitors, Simon Necesito and Raymond Jonathon Emul took the title as the Hotdog Eating Champion for the youth and adult heats on Saturday night, May 7, at the 13th Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival and Beer Garden in Saipan.

Besting seven other competitors under age 18 by downing three hotdogs in the quickest time, Necesito walked away with bragging rights for first place. Emul beat 13 other adults in polishing off two hotdogs to take the second heat. Both went home \$50 richer, while second place and \$30 prizes in the heats was captured by Kai Shiano and Ramon Rejano. In third and winning \$20 for the heats were Daniel Mafnas and Craig Froehlich.

The competition was just one part of a full festival evening at American Memorial Park, where island hotels and restaurants offered fine fare at reasonable fare and live entertainment ran nonstop. The Taste of the Marianas is put on by the Marianas Visitors Authority and Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands every Saturday at 6pm in May in celebration of Tourism Month.

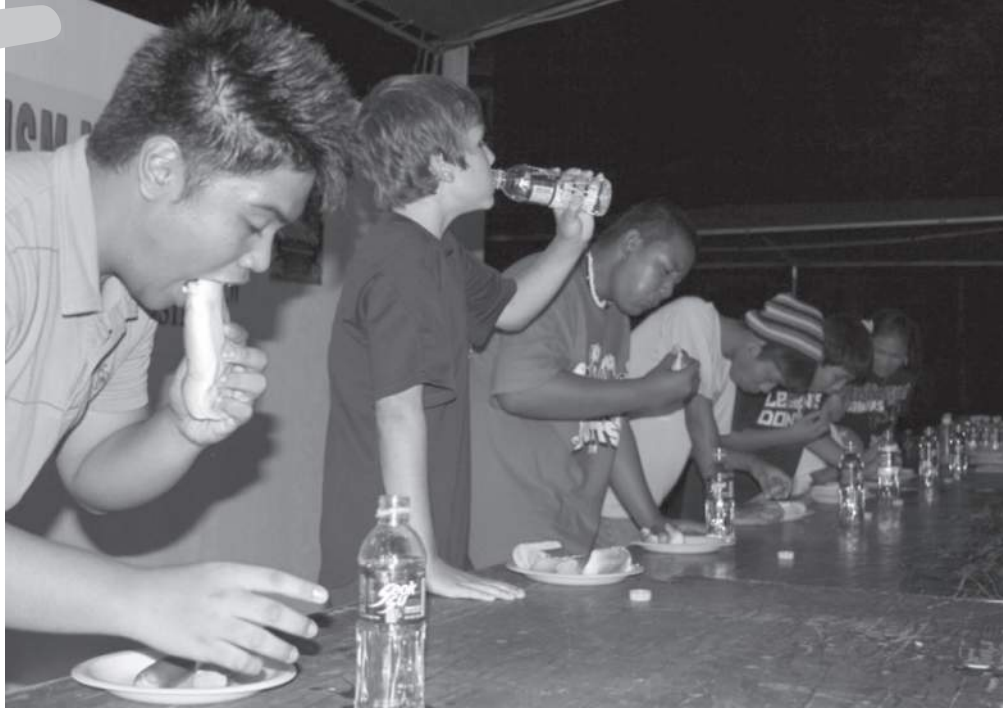
"Our first weekend of Taste was a success, enjoyed by residents and visitors alike," said MVA community projects manager Martin Duenas. "The crowd seems to agree with us that there's not better place for great food and live entertainment on a Saturday night during May Tourism Month."

Duenas said despite two brief power outages, most of the crowd stayed on hand to make the most of the evening.

"For the most part, people continued to enjoy the company of friends and their dinners while they waited for lighting and sound to be restored," said Duenas. "We certainly appreciate their patience while the problem was being fixed."

He also acknowledged the Hyatt Regency Saipan and Herman's Modern Bakery for sponsoring the hotdog eating competition.

This Saturday's (May 14) Taste of the Marianas face-off will be the Hot Soba Eating Competition at 8pm and 9pm. The CNMI Bartender's Cocktail Competition on May 21 will pit a number of the island's bartenders against in each other in a contest of originality, taste, showmanship, neatness and audience impact. The Chef's Competition featuring hotel junior chefs and highlighting a special cut of Certified Angus Beef will be held on May 28 at 7pm. (MVA)



Above, Simon Necesito, left, races other contenders under age 18 in the youth heat of the Hotdog Eating Competition at the 13th Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden on May 7, 2011, at American Memorial Park.



Left, dancers entertain the crowd at the 13th Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden on May 7, 2011, at American Memorial Park.



Tasty delicacies greet diners at the 13th Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden on May 7, 2011, at American Memorial Park, Saipan.



From left, Simon Necesito, Kai Shiano, and Daniel Mafnas finished first, second, and third, respectively, in the youth heat of the Hotdog Eating Competition at the 13th Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden on May 7, 2011, at American Memorial Park.



From left, Raymond Jonathon Emul, Ramon Rejano, and Craig Froehlich down two hotdogs first to finish first, second, and third, respectively, in the adult heat of the Hotdog Eating Competition at the 13th Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden on May 7, 2011, at American Memorial Park. The May 14 celebration will also feature a Hot Soba Eating Competition.

In Loving Memory of

†Jesus Fujihira Santos

Lovingly Known as "Chumbai"
April 29, 1964—May 09, 2011

His Memories will forever live in the hearts of his:

Wife: Eulalia Carreon Santos

Children: Jessamin C. Santos and Jessie Joseph C. Santos

Mother In-Law: Rita D. Carreon

In His New Life, he now joins his:

Father: Selvino Terlaje Santos

Mother: Carmen Atalig Fujihira Santos

Reared Parents: Ramon and Rosa S. Aguon

Father In-Law: Julian O. Carreon

Brother: Jose F. Santos

Godparents: Jose Taitano Pinaula and Ana Pangelinan

He will also be missed by his brothers, sisters, and In-Laws:

Crispina F. Santos and Nicolas Sali, Patricia S. and Yus Man Sani (Keina Jewel, Putra, Sriyani Putri), Vicente F. and Felicitas Santos (Carmen Michelle, Vincent Jr., Kaliya), Victor S. Muna, Manuel Aguon, John and Margaret D. Tudela, Benita D. Carreon, Arceli and Dolores T. Carreon, Juanita and Mariano Manalac, Rosalinda and Ricardo Manaloto, Joey and Flories Carreon, Teresita and Fernando David, Antonio and Delfina Carreon, Eduardo and Aurora Carreon, Lourdes and Justo Rivera

He is additionally survived by numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and godchildren.

Mass of Intention are being celebrated each morning at Kristo Rai Church at 6:00am. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, May 18, 2011.

His remains will be escorted from Nuestra Senora dela Pas Memorial Chapel to Kristo Rai Church at 7:30am. Responso Service will be at 8:00am followed by Holy Rosary.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00am. Cremation Service will take place at Our Lady of Peace Crematorium, Windward Hills, Guam on Thursday, May 19, 2011 at 9:00am.

Please join us in prayers,

Eulalia "Lily" Carreon Santos, Children and Family

Whitney Houston voluntarily enters rehab

NEW YORK (AP)—Whitney Houston is back in rehab. A representative for the superstar singer confirmed Monday that Houston is undergoing treatment. Kristen Foster says Houston is in an out-patient program for drug and alcohol treatment. She says it is a voluntary measure and part of Houston's "long-standing" recovery process.

The 47-year-old, one of the most successful singers in pop music history, has battled problems with drug addiction for years. But in 2009, as she released a comeback album, she declared herself healthy and clean.

However, her 2010 tour overseas was troubled: Houston canceled some dates due to illness and received negative reviews from fans who were disappointed in the quality of her voice and performance. Earlier this year, she gave an uneven performance in tribute to cousin Dionne Warwick at music mogul Clive Davis' annual pre-Grammy gala.

It's unclear how long Houston will be in rehab or where she's being treated; Foster had no further comment. However, Houston has been visible recently: Last week, she sang on stage with Chaka Khan during Prince's concert in Los Angeles.



In this Feb. 13, 2011 file photo, singer Whitney Houston performs at the pre-Grammy gala & salute to industry icons with Clive Davis honoring David Geffen in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Daly: 'Voice' is a fresh take on TV music contests

NEW YORK (AP)—Carson Daly admits he was worried about comparisons of his new singing competition show, "The Voice," with "American Idol."

"Everybody was a little bit worried about it," he said. "I mean we all know about 'American Idol' and it's a great, great story in this country and television. It's a juggernaut. It's incredible. It's a needle mover."

"But on 'The Voice,' we wanted to be sort of a fresh take on the music competition series."

And the show focuses on just that—the sound of its contestant's voices as they perform with celebrity coaches like Blake Shelton, Christina Aguilera and Adam Levine, who listen with their backs turned.

If the coaches like what they hear, they try to add the singer to a team of possible pop stars. If more than one coach is interested in a singer, the singer gets to decide whose team they want to join. Eventually, the teams are whittled down to one contestant, who wins a recording contract and \$100,000.



In an April 26, 2011 file photo TV personality Carson Daly poses for a portrait in New York.

So far, viewers are tuning in. "The Voice" premiered with a 5.1 rating for viewers between the ages of 18 and 49, and ratings jumped 12 percent for its second week.

"Idol" might have come before "The Voice," but Daly was introduced to the masses before "Idol" host Ryan Seacrest. Daly, 37, was a VJ on "TRL" on MTV from 1998 to 2002, where

he played music video and interviewed stars such as Britney Spears, Eminem and his current "Voice" co-star Aguilera.

Recently, she tweeted a photo of the two of them together on set, and Daly said he heard back from many fans of the bygone "TRL."

Daly has also assumed a role as a mentor to young musicians with his late night talk show, "Last Call with Carson Daly," which is now in its 10th season on NBC.

"There's all these traditional late night shows and they're all fighting for Muse and The Beastie Boys," he said. "I might get those guys if I'm lucky, but in the meantime there's a hundred other bands that are really good and looking for a shot and I love to be the person to shine a spotlight."

Daly says he loves to showcase artists who are on their way up even if it's at an hour where most TV viewers are sleeping.

"My mom had a famous line in high school with me and my sister: 'Be sure to be home at midnight because nothing good happens after midnight,'" he said. "Cut to: I have a television show

at 1:30 in the morning!"

Daly also still works in radio, which is how he started in media. He hosts a weekday morning drive show on 97.1 FM in Los Angeles.

"The interviews are always much more casual in radio. Radio is grass-roots," he said. "The DJs are soldiers. They wake up at 4:15 in the morning and play these records for these superstars who ride in these limos and make money."

Daly said that as long as he is connected to music, he's happy.

"The music business is something I always wanted to be around," he said. "... I didn't have the talent to be in it but I wanted to be close to it ... and if success comes in and around that, then that's fine too."

Daly may be serious about his love for music but even he admits to having a few guilty pleasures.

"I'm a cyclist and I have an iPod mix that I would never show anybody," he said. "... Ke\$ha (is on that mix) and is helping to fuel my workout. It doesn't get much worse than Ke\$ha," he jokes.

Vieira leaving, Lauer staying at 'Today' show

NEW YORK (AP)—NBC's "Today" show faces a transition with Ann Curry replacing Meredith Vieira as the show's main co-host, but just as important is the transition that the morning television program won't have to make.

Matt Lauer said Monday that although he talked to Katie Couric about the idea of teaming for a syndicated talk show, "it's not going to happen." With his NBC bosses looking on, Lauer said that "I'm going to be here for a long time."

Lauer has been with the show since 1994 and is the linchpin of its remarkable run: More than 15 years without losing a single week in the morning ratings to either ABC's "Good Morning America" and CBS' "The Early Show." Comparatively speaking, Vieira was the newbie among the show's core four that also includes Lauer, Curry and Al Roker. She replaced Katie Couric five years ago. At 57, with daughter, Lily, graduating from high school next month and son Ben graduating from Stanford University, Vieira said it was time to go. She and husband, author Richard M. Cohen, have another son, Gabe.

She said she'd been wrestling with the decision since January. Her contract was to end in September, but she said the graduations and a planned family vacation made her decide that June was a better time to leave. Her last broadcast will be June 8.

"It was really at the last minute I realized I had to go

with my gut, ultimately, and I know that it's the right thing," she said. "That doesn't make it any easier."

She said her husband is in good health and that it "diminished" him that he's been portrayed as an invalid. Cohen wrote a best-selling book about dealing with multiple sclerosis and colon cancer.

His good health "is part of the reason I want to leave right now," she said. "I appreciate what that means right now in a very deep way. I want to be there with him and I want to have fun and I want to appreciate our time together and not have to punch a clock so much."

During an on-air announcement and later news conference she joked easily with Lauer, who said, "I can say unequivocally I have never enjoyed working with anybody more than Meredith."

Curry, 54, has been the show's top news anchor since 1997. When NBC executives went outside the company to choose Vieira as Couric's replacement, Curry stuck with the show and recast herself as a globe-trotting reporter with a specialty in human rights issues.

She's since been to Darfur, Pakistan, Iraq and Afghanistan multiple times, along with the Congo, Liberia and Haiti. NBC's announcement of her ascension was originally planned for last week but was delayed by the killing of Osama bin Laden, a story Curry went to Pakistan to report.



In this May 6, 2010 photo, "Today" show co-hosts Ann Curry, left, and Meredith Vieira attend the 9th Annual Women Who Care Luncheon benefiting United Cerebral Palsy of NYC at Cipriani's 42nd Street, in New York.

'Something Borrowed' sequel tease in movie credits

NEW YORK (AP)—Moviegoers who stayed for the credits during the romantic comedy "Something Borrowed" in its opening weekend at the box office got a bonus: a tease for a possible sequel starring Kate Hudson and John Krasinski.

"Something Borrowed," based on the best-selling novel of the same name by Emily Giffin, is about a young woman, played by

Ginnifer Goodwin, who falls for her best friend's fiancé.

Giffin wrote a follow-up book called "Something Blue," which continues the story from the perspective of the best friend, portrayed by Hudson.

Krasinski plays a longtime friend of Goodwin's and Hudson's characters.

The extra scene at the end of the credits over the weekend showed

Hudson and Krasinski in London with the text "To be continued."

In a recent interview, Giffin said producers didn't have a finished script for "Blue" but she had "full optimism" the second movie would be made. She said the chemistry between Krasinski and Hudson "is fantastic."

At the film's press junket in Los Angeles last month, Krasinski said, "I would definitely do

the sequel if they did it. I think we're waiting to see. Hopefully it happens."

Hudson agreed, saying, "I think most likely we will do one."

Warner Bros. says a decision about another film hasn't been made.

"Something Borrowed" came in fourth in its box office debut, bringing in just under \$14 million over its opening weekend.

Schwarzenegger, Shriver announce separation

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Arnold Schwarzenegger has announced that he and his wife of 25 years, Maria Shriver are separating.

A spokesman for the actor and former California governor issued a statement announcing the news Monday night.

The statement from Schwarzenegger and Shriver says that after “a great deal of thought, reflection, discussion and prayer,” they decided to live apart while they work on the fu-

ture of their relationship.

They acknowledge that they’re both going through a “time of great personal and professional transition.” Both will continue to parent their four children together. Schwarzenegger finished his second term as governor in January and has been on the speech circuit and pursuing various entertainment projects. Shriver was a correspondent for NBC News when she left to fulfill her role as first lady.

Bristol Palin to star in reality series on Bio



Bristol Palin arrives for the White House Correspondents Dinner Saturday, April 30, 2011 in Washington.

NEW YORK (AP)—The Bio Channel is giving Bristol Palin a reality series.

The network said Monday that Palin will star in a 10-episode series. She is the daughter of former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin and a former contestant on “Dancing With the Stars.”

The new series will follow her move from Alaska to Los Angeles with her son, Tripp, to work at a small charity.

The single mom will live with actor brothers Kyle and Christopher Massey. The network says Kyle Massey is a fellow “Dancing” contestant and good friend.

Besides reality TV, the 20-year-old Palin has earned hundreds of thousands of dollars as a spokeswoman working to prevent teen pregnancy.

Her as-yet-untitled series is slated to air in late 2011.

Pharrell Williams joins new Karmaloop TV network

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Rapper-producer Pharrell Williams is expanding his focus to include a new TV network aimed at the online generation.

Karmaloop TV said Monday that Williams has been named creative director for the network scheduled to launch later this year. Karmaloop will feature original productions along with movies that have shaped the 18-to-34-year-olds who grew up with the Internet.

The Grammy-winning Williams, who has created hits for Jay-Z, Britney Spears and other stars, will have a significant equity position in Karmaloop TV, according to the company.

In a statement, Karmaloop CEO Greg Selkoe said Williams will help create a brand that will get “cutting-edge youth culture” excited about TV, as MTV did in the 1980s.

Williams, frontman for the rap-rock trio N.E.R.D. and half of the production duo The Neptunes, said the “progressive youth



In this April 21, 2011 file photo, Pharrell Williams poses for a portrait at his Billionaire Boys Club clothing line showroom in New York.

culture” is underserved by what’s available in the marketplace.

Karmaloop TV is an outgrowth of Karmaloop, a 10-year-old website that sells streetwear brands from around the world, and online KarmaloopTV. Katie McEnroe, former president of the AMC cable channel, is head of Karmaloop TV.

Famous Iraqi singer returns in UNICEF role

BAGHDAD (AP)—Crooning of love, Iraq’s most famous singer returned to Baghdad on Monday after 14 years abroad to be named a Goodwill Ambassador for the United Nations children’s fund, UNICEF.

Kadim al-Sahir said as a Goodwill Ambassador, he would inspect villages and schools.

“I will visit villages to help the children who study in mud schools and are deprived of the simple rights of childhood,” he said. “My message to Iraqi officials is to take care of children ... who are the shining future of Iraq.”

Al-Sahir left Iraq in 1997 and has spent most of his time since then working and traveling through Arab countries such as Egypt, Lebanon, and the United Arab Emirates.

Both a composer and singer, al-Sahir is one of the few performers in the Arab world’s pop music scene who sing in classical Arabic.

“My hope is to draw a smile on the face of each Iraqi child,” he said.

Goodwill Ambassadors have long been a staple of UNICEF. The



Kadim al-Sahir, Iraq’s most famous singer, gestures during a press conference in Baghdad, Iraq, Monday, May 9, 2011.

ambassadors visit field projects and programs around the world as a way to draw attention to children in peril and raise money for the U.N. aid agency.

Other celebrities who have represented UNICEF as Goodwill Ambassadors include soccer star David Beckham, and actresses Mia Farrow and Susan Sarandon, according to UNICEF’s website.

Reader spills the beans about tasty summer dish

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



DEAR ABBY: Your mother’s recipes occasionally have been printed in your column. However, there is one of the best that I have never seen yet. It’s her “St. James’ Baked Beans.” If you have never tried it before, then the greatest taste sensation has been missed. I am always invited back to any party—provided I bring the beans. I have always given your mom full credit for the recipe and have never changed a single ingredient. You can’t improve upon perfection.

Do your readers a favor and print it. They won’t be sorry. My mom started making them when she bought the first cookbooklet in 1987, and I have continued the tradition. Thanks!

SANDRA S., PORT ST. LUCIE, FLA.

DEAR SANDRA: I’m pleased to print the recipe. With summer almost here, those baked beans will make a welcome addition to any barbecue or patio party—and they’re high in fiber, too. Other recipes in the cookbooklet set are also terrific for entertaining when the weather is sweltering. Among them are Summer Cucumber Salad, Cucumber Soup, Abby’s Tomato Salad, Summer Surprise Dessert (made with fresh fruit) and Ritz Pecan Pie. All of them are simple and easy to make. The cookbooklet set can be ordered by sending your name and address, plus check or money order for \$12 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby—Cookbooklet Set, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. Included with the recipes are tips for not only entertaining, but also how to graciously end a party without being rude—a question I am frequently asked.

ST. JAMES’ BAKED BEANS
(Serves 8)

- 6 slices bacon, diced
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 (16-ounce) can pork and beans, drained
- 1 (16-ounce) can lima beans, drained
- 1 (15-ounce) can kidney beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 (10-ounce) package sharp cheddar cheese, cubed
- 1 cup ketchup
- 3/4 cup firmly packed dark brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

Heat oven to 325 degrees. Butter a 1 1/2-quart casserole. In a small skillet, saute the bacon and onions until the bacon is crisp and onions are lightly browned; drain well. In a large bowl, combine the remaining ingredients. Add bacon-onion mixture; mix well. Pour bean mixture into prepared casserole. Bake uncovered at 325 degrees for 1 1/2 hours. Enjoy!

DEAR ABBY: Why is it when women get headaches or something goes wrong that depresses them, they take it out on us men?

SOMETIMES NOT MY FAULT IN SIOUX CITY, IOWA

DEAR SOMETIMES NOT MY FAULT: For the same reason that men do it. It’s because you are THERE.

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ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

Jermaine Dupri sued over child support payments

ATLANTA (AP)—An Atlanta-area woman is suing music producer Jermaine Dupri over missed child support payments after a judge recently ordered him to pay her. Fulton County Superior Court Judge Margaret Dorsey told the Grammy-winning producer in March to pay \$2,500 a month and an additional \$7,500 to Sarai Jones, based on the results of a paternity test. Jones’ attorney, Randy Kessler, said Jones hopes

that she and Dupri “can work together to co-parent their beautiful baby girl,” who is 7 months old. Dupri’s lawyer, James Kane, declined to comment. The lawsuit was filed at a time when Dupri is facing financial troubles. His mansion was up for foreclosure and set to be auctioned last week, but the sale was canceled at the last minute. Dupri has produced hits for artists including Usher and Mariah Carey, and had a seven-year relationship with R&B singer Janet Jackson that ended

a couple years ago. He lives in the Atlanta area.

David Hyde Pierce to return to New York stage

NEW YORK (AP)—David Hyde Pierce will return to the New York stage in December as an obsessive book editor. The former “Frasier” star will headline “Close Up Space,” a play by Molly Smith Metzler to be staged at New York City Center. It centers on an editor who is estranged from his daughter until she walks back into his

life. Pierce was last on stage opposite Mark Rylance in “La Bete.” The Manhattan Theatre Club announced Monday that Pierce’s return will be part of three productions it plans for both its Broadway and off-Broadway spaces. The company will produce Tony Award winning playwright David Auburn’s new play, “The Columnist,” on Broadway in January. It will also produce actress Zoe Kazan’s New York playwriting debut “We Live Here” in September at the off-Broadway City Center.

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 10-0246

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Reporter

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Thunder tie series with Memphis with 3OT thriller



MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—Kevin Durant scored six of his 35 points in the third overtime, and the Oklahoma City Thunder survived a thriller in holding off the Memphis Grizzlies 133-123 in a game that ended Tuesday morning.

With the victory, the Thunder grabbed back home-court advantage and tied this Western Conference semi-final at two games apiece.

Game 5 is on Wednesday night back in Oklahoma City. The winner of the series will play the Dallas Mavericks in the conference finals.

The finish couldn't have been more exciting in the second straight overtime game in this series. The sellout crowd stood through each overtime, though fans started trickling toward the exits as the clock ticked past midnight locally.

Russell Westbrook led the Thunder with 40 points. James Harden added 19, and Daequan Cook had 10.

The Grizzlies ran out of energy in the third overtime as they hit just 1 of 9 from the floor. Zach Randolph led Memphis with 34 points and 16 rebounds. Marc Gasol had 26 and 21 rebounds. O.J. Mayo had 18 and Mike Conley 16 before both fouled out. Greivis Vasquez had 14.

Conley forced the first overtime with his lone 3 of the game. Vasquez, the rookie playing because Conley had fouled out late in the first overtime, hit a 3 to set up the second overtime. Gasol scored on a tip-in that set up the third OT.

The Thunder had their chances to win at the end of regulation and each overtime.

Westbrook's jumper hit the rim before the buzzer to end the first 48 minutes. Durant, the NBA's leading scorer, had a 3 fall short of the basket at the end of the first overtime, and Westbrook's long jumper grazed the front of the rim at the buzzer ending the second overtime.

In the third overtime, the Thunder finally took control.

Westbrook scored with 3:38 left to put the Thunder up for good. Durant added a pair of free throws, and Serge Ibaka hit a jumper before Durant scored on a running layup for a 129-123 lead with 58.8 seconds left.

Durant stole the ball from Randolph on the other end, then hit a long jumper over Shane Battier with 29.3 seconds left for a 131-123 lead.

Memphis will think about this game after jumping out to an 18-point lead only to squander it.

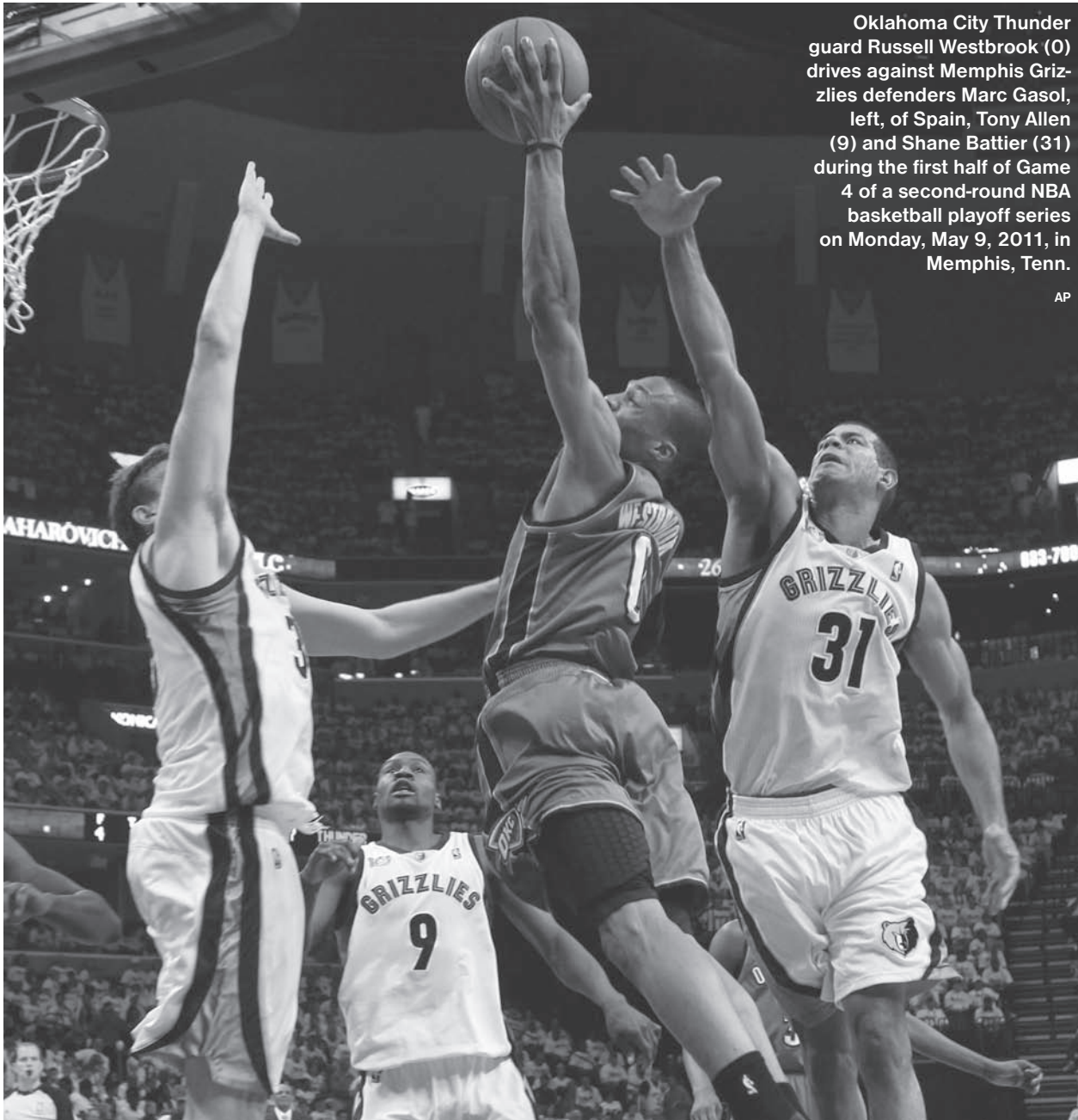
Oklahoma City, the NBA's best free-throw shooting team, got back into this one at the line, where much of this game was spent.

The Thunder hit 15 of 17 shots in the second quarter alone and finished 31 of 39 in regulation. Durant, who missed his lone attempt in Game 3, was 16 of 18 at the line himself. The Thunder went 42 of 50 at the line compared to Memphis, which hit 37 of 40.

This game was the mirror opposite of the one these teams played Saturday night.

In that one, the Thunder blew a 16-point lead and lost in overtime. This time, the Grizzlies wasted an 18-point lead, rallied from 10 down in the fourth quarter to force the extra five minutes only to lose.

Memphis led by as much as 18



Oklahoma City Thunder guard Russell Westbrook (0) drives against Memphis Grizzlies defenders Marc Gasol, left, of Spain, Tony Allen (9) and Shane Battier (31) during the first half of Game 4 of a second-round NBA basketball playoff series on Monday, May 9, 2011, in Memphis, Tenn.

AP

points when Mayo scored with 8:21 left in the second quarter at 37-19. Then the Thunder went small and sent one Memphis player after another to the bench in foul trouble. They hit 15 of 17 in the second quarter to pull within 53-49 at halftime.

Durant completed the comeback by tying it at 61 with 7:30 left on a pull-up jumper that was just his third made field goal, which he celebrated with a fist pump.

Westbrook put Oklahoma City up for the first time in the game with a driving layup with 5:16 left in the third, and that set up the game that no one wanted to end.

Heat 98, Celtics 90

At Boston, Miami's Big Three was assembled for just this purpose: To dominate the bullies from Boston who knocked them from the playoffs so many times before.

LeBron James scored 35 points, Dwyane Wade had 28 and Chris Bosh had 20 on Monday night to give the Heat a 98-90 overtime victory over the Celtics and move Miami within one game of the Eastern Conference finals. The Heat lead the best-of-seven East semi-finals 3-1, with a chance to close out

the series in Miami on Wednesday.

"Wednesday night will be our greatest challenge that we've had with this group so far," Miami coach Erik Spoelstra said. "We'll get their best games on Wednesday. And we have to be better. If we're real about what we want to do, we have to beat the Boston Celtics at their best."

One game after their worst performance as a threesome, James, Wade and Bosh had 83 of Miami's 98 points and 35 of its 45 rebounds. They scored all 12 of Miami's points in overtime; Bosh and Wade had five apiece after James' fallaway jumper on the Heat's first possession of the extra period gave them the lead for good.

"We're the guys. We're the ones who get all the attention. We're the ones that get all the praise," Wade said. "This team is going to go as far as us three takes it."

Paul Pierce scored 27, Ray Allen had 17 and Kevin Garnett had seven points and 10 rebounds for Boston. Rajon Rondo, who dislocated his left elbow Saturday night in Game 3, played 39 minutes with a padded sleeve covering what appeared to be a brace on his left arm, scoring 10 with five assists.

The Celtics would need to win the next three games—two in Miami—to

have a chance to defend their Eastern Conference championship.

"These are those moments. I look forward to it," Allen said. "Everybody on this team, we know what to do. We can't talk about it; we just have to put our best foot forward. It's not easy. It just makes it that much more special if we're able to do it."

Boston has reached the NBA finals in two of the last three seasons, both times knocking James and the Cavaliers out along the way. The Celtics eliminated the Heat last year one round after knocking Cleveland out and sending James on the journey that landed him in Miami.

In all, Wade had lost 11 straight regular-season and playoff games in Boston. James had lost 13 of 15, including the one that ended his Cleveland career.

"I haven't had much success in this building," James said. "We put a lot of pressure on ourselves to just come out and do whatever it took."

Boston took an 84-81 lead with 2:28 left after back-to-back 3-pointers by Delonte West and Allen, but James hit a 3 to tie it and then made a left-handed lay-in with 48 seconds to play to give Miami an 86-84 lead. Pierce drove to the basket to tie it, but James lost con-

trol of the ball while he was dribbling down the clock.

Allen went for it and was bumped by James Jones, giving Boston the ball out of bounds with 19.5 seconds left and the game tied at 86. Pierce got the ball, waited out the clock and then took a high-arching fallaway jumper in the final seconds that bounced off the rim as time expired.

The Celtics scored just four points in overtime, shooting 1 for 6 and making four of their 18 turnovers. Garnett started things off by throwing the ball away, and then James made a fallaway jumper as the shot clock expired to give Miami an 88-86 lead.

Allen missed, Bosh dunked at the other end, West missed a 3-pointer and then James drew a charging foul on Pierce. After another Boston turnover, Wade made a 2-pointer with his foot on the 3-point arc to give Miami a 92-86 lead with 2 minutes left in overtime.

"We just had poor execution down the stretch," Pierce said. "It just carried into overtime, it seemed like. We feel like tonight we beat ourselves."

One game after the Heat's Big Three combined for just 44 points—their lowest total since they assembled their superteam in Miami—they provided almost all the offense. No one else had more than four points, and the Heat's bench totaled just seven, but they won in Boston to earn the chance to finish it in five.

"Our goal was to come out and compete for two games and hopefully get one. And we accomplished that goal," Bosh said. "We're one more win away from our short-term goal, and we just have to keep playing together and keep the defensive frame of mind that we did for the last three quarters."

The 83 total points is tied for ninth-most by the Big Three, and their 84.7 percent of total team points is the second-highest percentage of the season, according to STATS LLC.

Miami won the first two games at home, but the Celtics responded when the series returned to Boston and clamped down on the Heat's Big Three to win Game 3 97-81. Garnett had his best game of the series, scoring 28 with 18 rebounds, but the star for Boston was Rondo.

The Celtics point guard returned from a dislocated left elbow and provided his team with the spark it had been missing.

There was some doubt about whether he would be ready for Game 4 - but not in Rondo's mind.

An MRI and CT scan on the day off were both negative, and Rondo was back in the lineup.

Instead, it was Spoelstra shuffling his lineup, activating Udonis Haslem for the first time since November foot surgery and rewarding Joel Anthony for his play in the early games with his first start of the playoffs.

Haslem made just one appearance in the first three quarters, playing 3 minutes and picking up an offensive foul, a loose-ball foul and a technical foul.

But the Big Three was back.

The Heat went on a 10-2 run in the third quarter to take a 63-59 lead. It was a three-point game when Allen hit a 3-pointer and Boston scored 11 straight points to take a 73-65 lead before Miami scored the last two baskets—on layups by Anthony and James—to end the third quarter trailing by four.

Garnett, Bryant back on NBA all-defensive team

NEW YORK (AP)—Celtics forward Kevin Garnett and Lakers guard Kobe Bryant have been selected to the NBA all-defensive first team for a record-tying ninth time.

Garnett and Bryant were joined by Magic center Dwight Howard, who has won the past three Defensive Play-

er of the Year awards and received the most points Monday.

Also selected for the first team were Heat forward LeBron James and Celtics guard Rajon Rondo.

Garnett and Bryant tied Michael Jordan and Gary Payton for the most selections in NBA history.

The league's coaches vote on the team.

The second team has Grizzlies guard Tony Allen, Hornets guard Chris Paul, Mavericks center Tyson Chandler, 76ers forward Andre Iguodala and Bulls forward-center Joakim Noah.

Crawford's RBI lifts Red Sox to win over Twins



BOSTON (AP)—Pinch-runner Jose Iglesias raced around from first base to score off Carl Crawford's one-out double off the left-field wall in the bottom of the 11th inning to lift the Boston Red Sox to a 2-1 win over the Minnesota Twins.

Boston beat Minnesota the final three games of a four-game series, and won for the 11th time in 12 games in Fenway Park.

The Red Sox closed out their longest homestand of the season at 6-5.

Hideki Okajima (1-0) pitched two innings, getting out of a two-on, one-out jams in each, for the win.

Jed Lowrie drew a one-out walk against Jim Hoey (0-1) and Iglesias pinch ran. Crawford lofted one off The Wall and Iglesias slid in just ahead of the throw from short left by shortstop Matt Tolbert, knocking catcher Rene Rivera over as he scored.

Tigers 10, Blue Jays 5

At Toronto, Max Scherzer won his sixth consecutive decision and Victor Martinez hit a two-run homer as Detroit beat Toronto.

Scherzer (6-0) has not lost in eight starts this season. His season-opening winning streak is the longest by a Tigers pitcher since Jeremy Bonderman won eight straight in 2007.

Scherzer allowed two runs and five hits in five innings, matching his shortest start of the year. He walked three and struck out five.

Martinez went 3 for 4 with three RBIs and Austin Jackson had four RBIs for the Tigers, who have won six of seven to even their record at 18-18.

Toronto lost for the seventh time in nine games and dropped a season-high five games below .500.

Athletics 7, Rangers 2

At Arlington, Texas, Trevor Cahill pitched seven strong innings to earn his sixth straight win to start the season, and Josh Willingham homered and drove in five runs as Oakland beat Texas.

Cahill (6-0) matched the major league lead with his sixth victory, and equaled his career best by winning his seventh consecutive decision. The 23-year-old right-hander struck out seven, walked one and allowed five hits. He became Oakland's first 6-0 starter in 21 years.

Willingham, in the Oakland lineup after appealing his one-game suspension for making contact with an umpire, hit a three-run homer in the third put the Athletics ahead to stay.

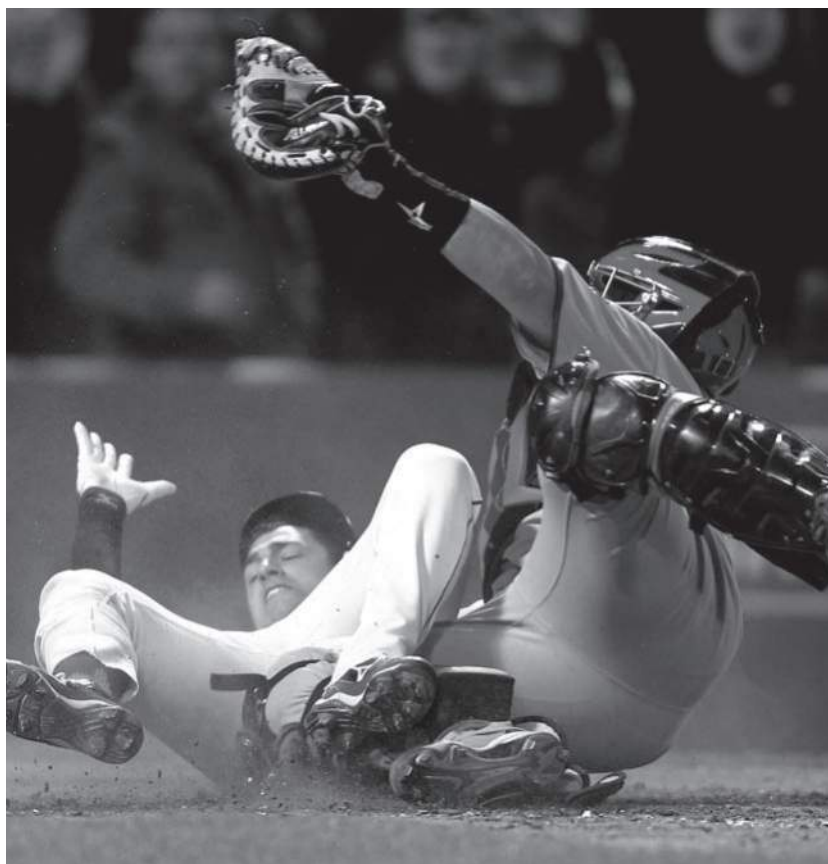
C.J. Wilson (4-2), coming off a complete game victory at Seattle last Wednesday, allowed only two hits over seven innings.

White Sox 8, Angels 0

At Anaheim, California, Edwin Jackson pitched seven superb innings for his first victory in more than a month, and Carlos Quentin homered and drove in five runs as Chicago routed Los Angeles.

Jackson (3-4) scattered five hits, struck out five and walked one after going winless in his previous five starts since beating Tampa Bay 5-1 on April 7.

Gordon Beckham and Alexei Ramirez also homered for the White Sox, who have won three straight for



Boston Red Sox's Jose Iglesias slides in safely with the game-winning run as Minnesota Twins catcher Rene Rivera holds up his glove in Boston's 2-1 win in 11 innings in a baseball game at Fenway Park in Boston on Monday, May 9, 2011.

the first time this season.

Ervin Santana (1-4) gave up five runs and eight hits in six-plus innings, including Beckham's two-run homer in the second and Ramirez's leadoff drive in the seventh. Both home runs came on the first pitch.

Phillies 6, Marlins 4

At Miami, the Philadelphia Phillies turned in four double plays behind the pitching of Joe Blanton, who came off the disabled list to his first victory of the season by helping to beat the Florida Marlins.

Blanton (1-1) allowed eight hits but left with a 6-3 lead. He made his first start since April 23 after being sidelined with an impingement in his throwing elbow.

The Phillies won for the 18th time in their past 21 games in Miami.

The Marlins' start matches the best in franchise history, but they've lost four of their past five games to fall three behind the National League East-leading Phillies (23-11), who have the best record in the majors.

Javier Vazquez (2-3), who lasted only 4 1-3 innings, allowed nine hits and six runs, five earned.

Gaby Sanchez of Florida drove in three runs with his fifth homer and a double.

Brewers 4, Padres 3

At Milwaukee, Zack Greinke struck out nine batters over six effective innings in his home debut and Rickie Weeks homered to lift Milwaukee over San Diego.

Greinke (1-1) bounced back from a disappointing start Wednesday for his first win with the Brewers by allowing five hits to the struggling Padres, who came in with a major league-worst .215 batting average.

Milwaukee's bullpen held on, thanks to a key double play turned by shortstop Yuniesky Betancourt and Weeks in the eighth. John Axford pitched the ninth for his sixth save.

Weeks also drove in a run with a single in the second inning and then homered in the fifth off Padres starter Mat Latos (0-5)

that handed the right-hander his 10th loss in his past 10 decisions.

Reds 6, Astros 1

At Houston, Travis Wood hit a three-run homer and pitched shutout ball into the seventh inning to lead Cincinnati over Houston.

Wood's shot to the Crawford Boxes in left field made it 3-0 in the third inning and Ramon Hernandez pushed the lead to 5-0 with a two-run homer to almost the same spot an inning later.

Wood (2-3) allowed six hits and struck out six with a walk in 6 2/3 in-

nings for his first win since April 2, his first start of the season.

The Reds looked to have figured out Houston starter Aneury Rodriguez just five days after they managed just one hit in five scoreless innings against him in his first major league start.

Rockies 2, Mets 1

At Denver, Chris Iannetta broke a seventh-inning tie with a homer that barely cleared the left-field wall as Colorado snapped its four-game skid.

Iannetta, who stretched out a double that led to Colorado's first run two innings earlier, sent an 81 mph slider from lefty Chris Capuano into the tunnel down the left-field line for his fifth home run with one out in the seventh.

Matt Belisle (3-2) got two outs for the win, Colorado's fifth in five games against the Mets this season. They swept a four-game series at Citi Field in April.

Rafael Betancourt pitched a perfect eighth and Huston Street worked the ninth for his 12th save in 13 chances. Pinch-hitter Willie Harris led off with

a check-swing single but was thrown out by Iannetta trying to steal second base after Jose Reyes capped an 0-for-5 night with a flyout to left.

Pirates 4, Dodgers 1

At Pittsburgh, Neil Walker hit a tie-breaking double in the eighth inning as surging Pittsburgh beat Los Angeles to move above .500 in mid-May for the first time in seven years.

Garrett Jones led off the eighth inning with a walk before Walker laced a shot into the right-field corner off Los Angeles starter Chad Billingsley (2-2). Jones scored all the way from first to give the Pirates a 2-1 lead.

Lyle Overbay and Ryan Doumit followed with a pair of run-scoring doubles as the Pirates won their third straight.

Jose Veras (1-1) worked a scoreless eighth for the victory. Joel Hanrahan pitched the ninth for his 11th save.

The victory lifted Pittsburgh to 18-17, the latest the Pirates have been above .500 in a season since they were 23-22 on May 29, 2004.

Maryland hires Turgeon to replace Williams



As the new basketball coach at the University of Maryland, Mark Turgeon hopes to experience the same kind of success he enjoyed at Texas A&M.

The Terrapins are counting on him to do just that.

Turgeon was hired on Monday night to succeed Gary Williams, who retired last week after a 22-year run at Maryland. The 46-year-old Turgeon leaves the Aggies after making four consecutive appearances in the NCAA tournament and going 97-40 in his four-year stay at College Station.

"It was just too good an offer for me to pass on," Turgeon said in a release. "The thing that made it the most difficult was the players. Those guys have done everything I've asked for four years and we've had a great ride."

Maryland athletic director Kevin Anderson believes Turgeon has the ability to extend the winning tradition built by Williams, who won the national championship in 2002 and reached the NCAA tournament 14 times. Just as important, Williams ran a clean program and maintained tight control over his players. (AP)

Study shows NFL players wore low-rated helmets



WASHINGTON (AP)—Nearly 40 percent of NFL players last season wore a helmet model that got the second-lowest rating for reducing the risk of concussions in a study by Virginia Tech researchers.

Riddell's VSR-4 helmet received just one star in a study of football helmets led by Virginia Tech professor of biomedical engineering Stefan Duma and released Tuesday. Another Riddell model—the Revolution Speed—was the only helmet that earned five stars, the top rating.

Five models—two made by Riddell, two by Schutt and one by Xenith—received four stars.

According to Riddell, 38 percent of NFL players wore the low-rated VSR-4 in 2010. The company also said 39 percent wore one of the various models that fall under the Riddell Revolution name or the new Riddell 360.

"It is our hope that based upon this and other independent research, that players and teams at all levels will continue to migrate to the Revolution family of helmets," Riddell Sports president Dan Arment said in a statement emailed to The Associated Press by an outside PR firm that represents the manufacturer.

Each NFL player is allowed to choose which brand and model of helmet he wears.

In November, the NFL told the AP

it estimated that 75 percent of helmets used in 2010 were made by Riddell, which has had a licensing/sponsorship agreement with the league since 1990. The league said 23 percent were made by Schutt, 1 to 2 percent by Xenith, and a handful by Adams USA.

A helmet made by Adams was the only one that received a rating of "not recommended" by Duma's study.

Duma said in a telephone interview that this is the first time comparative test results on football helmets have been made public.

He said the star ratings provide "a prediction of concussion risk."

"All of these helmets protect you from skull fracture, so what we're doing is going to the next level and looking at how they protect you from brain injury," Duma said.

"We're basing this analysis off a million impacts we've collected," added Duma, who called the study the culmination of about eight years of research. "We know how players are hit. ... It's much more elaborate than anyone's ever looked at, in terms of evaluating the performance of helmets."

Concussions occur when the brain moves inside the skull from an impact or a whiplash effect, but it's still an injury that doctors—not to mention players and executives in various sports—are learning about. There is general consensus that concussions cannot be eliminated from football. But as more

links have emerged between head injuries and disease later in life, the NFL has stepped up its efforts to educate players about concussions and protect them from the injury.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said the league's head neck and spine medical committee would review the Virginia Tech research. He also noted that the league and NFL Players Association let players, trainers and equipment managers know last year that three helmet models—two made by Riddell and one by Schutt—met all three criteria for qualifying as a top-performing helmet when 16 were tested.

The league and NFLPA also told players and teams then: "In general, some of the modern helmets performed better in these tests than did the older helmets."

Riddell stopped selling the VSR-4 in 2010. The Revolution models include significant changes from the VSR-4, such as covering the jaw area and having padding there, as well as adding padding to increase the space between the head and the shell.

The Virginia Tech ratings "show that there is a difference between helmet brands and models and that strong research and development can make a significant impact on the protective performance of football helmets," Arment said in an emailed statement.

Duma wants to run the same sort of testing on baseball and cycling helmets.

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10 edge in the opening 10 minutes thanks to four 3-pointers.

Whippet-quick guard Dennis Vinas led World Resort's comeback in the second as the hoteliers pulled within two possessions, 32-37, at the half. Vinas accounted for eight markers during the run.

World Resort pressed on in the third quarter and trailed by only a point, 52-53, heading into crunch time. Julius Tabamo paced the team with seven points in the period.

It was nip-and-tuck in the pay-off period until Island Flavor's Bon Tamayo connected on a big long ball and a pair of clutch free throws to secure the victory for the PTC squad.

Forward Melvin Capalad went on to lead Island Flavor with 23 points, while Vinas turned in 18 in the loss.

Earlier, Cargo Express-Sea Bridge defeated Ebisuya Fixers, 73-62.

After trailing in the opening period, 12-14, Cargo Express ignited a big second quarter push and shot ahead, 34-25, at the half. Lerio Pagarao paced Cargo Ex-

press with eight points in the second quarter.

The Fixers then managed to pull within four in the third quarter, 47-51, but Cargo Express' fourth quarter line-change slammed the door on them.

Pagarao added nine markers at crunch time and finished with a game-high 26. Fixer's Jawn Joyner delivered 25 on the short end.

Saturday matches, meanwhile, saw Inchcape best Lions Club Archers, 75-71, and Cell Pro top Triple J-Sandy Beach Homes, 70-62.

The Archers jumped in front in the first quarter, 25-18, with Noel David carrying the torch with nine points.

Inchcape then pulled within a basket, 38-40, at the half with center Bart Demapan leading the charge with eight points.

Inchcape kept its foot on the pedal and took a 60-59 advantage with a quarter to go.

Archers bit down on defense and limited Inchcape to just 11 points in the clutch, while nailing a couple of three balls and three free throws in the end.

Archers big man Edmark Mendoza led his squad with 19, while the Inchcape twin towers of Demapan and Kae Bernardo scored

22 points apiece.

In Saturday's first game, Cell Pro sat on an early two-possession advantage it built from the first quarter and kicked it in high gear after the halftime break.

It stretched its lead to nine, 55-46, heading in the last canto and traded baskets with Triple J as it milked the clock in the fourth quarter.

Pete Lizama led Cell Pro with 21 points, while Triple J's Teddy Bugay turned in 22 in the loss.

Soul Jazz and Blue Hauz kicked off Miller Lite's slate of weekend game on a high note last Friday after beating Mobil and VFW Post 3457-Joe's Bar Hoopaholics, respectively.

Soul Jazz needed overtime to knock off Mobil, 87-82, in the opener

High-leaping forward Gyles Ruluked scored seven points in the first quarter to help Soul Jazz to a 20-16 lead.

The score shifted to a 36-32 count at the half as both teams traded baskets with Ruluked netting six more points.

Seven Mobil players scored in the team's third-quarter comeback that pushed them ahead, 56-52, heading into the fourth and final canto.

Regulation ended with both

teams knotted up at 72-all. Soul Jazz center Glenn Aquino then took over in overtime with 12 points.

The team also sank five free throws at the end that sealed the deal.

Aquino finished with a team-high 21 points, while Mobil's Jun Estolas led all scorers with 28.

In the nightcap, Blue Hauz routed VFW Post 3457-Joe's Bar Hoopaholics, 73-59.

Blue Hauz started slow, but finished with a bang against VFW Post 3457.

The team took an early 12-11 lead in the first and managed a 30-27 edge at halftime.

Edwin Santos and Badong Camacho combined for 15 markers in the first half to match the output of Hoop's Dave Sablan.

Aside from Sablan and the seven points by James Villacrusis, Hoops struggled to find other offensive support.

Blue Hauz jumped ahead, 54-40, in the third quarter and traded baskets with Hoops in the final 10 minutes.

Blue Hauz's Jomar Tumaquip came off the bench with 10 markers in the third period and added eight more in the fourth quarter to finish with a team-

high 21 points, while Hoop's Sablan scored 29 in defeat.

SUNDAY First Game

Cargo Express 73 – Pagarao 26, Fital 21, Ritual 12, Jung 6, Capalad 4, Itaas 3.

Fixers 62 – Joyner 25, Bicera 10, Artates 9, Jacob 3, Abedes 6, Llagas 6, Camacho 2, Pineda 1.

Scoring by quarters: 12-14, 34-25, 51-47, 73-62.

Second Game

Island Flavor 69 – Capalad 23, Lauron 13, Tamayo 11, Dayrit 6, Garon 6, Babauta 5, Buniag 3, Tagle 2.

World Resort 68 – Vinas 18, Wabinga 14, Tabamo 13, Madriano 11, Navarro 8, Felipe 4.

Scoring by quarters: 22-10, 37-32, 53-52, 69-68.

SATURDAY First Game

Cell Pro 70 – Lizama 21, Herrera 13, Tibayan 13, Dulfo 10, Bahillo 6, Guevarra 3, Ajoste 2, Loste 2.

Triple J 62 – Bugay 22, Jarabe 15, Jose 10, Crisostomo 8, Viola 5, Siroy 2.

Scoring by quarters: 16-11, 34-31, 55-46, 70-62.

Second Game

Archers 75 – Mendoza 19, David 15, Abuy 8, Miranda 7, Sharry 7, Usi 6, Cruz 4, Yabut 4, Diyco 3, Danipog 2.

Inchcape 71 – Bernardo 22, Demapan 22, Pantaleon 13, Tabora 5, Legaspi 3, Echavez 2, Marchadesch 2, Tobias 2.

Scoring by quarters: 25-18, 40-38, 59-60, 75-71.

FRIDAY First Game

Soul Jazz 87 – Aquino 22, Pelisamen 21, Ruluked 18, Je. Mina 11, Johanes 6, Jr. Mina 3, Inos 2, Towan 2.

Mobil 82 – Estolas 28, Villar-in 14, De Guzman 12, Fernando 11, Moises 8, Gapor 4, Galzote 2, Tudela 2.

Scoring by quarters: 20-16, 36-32, 52-56, 72-72, 87-82 (OT).

Second Game

Blue Hauz 73 – Tumaquip 21, Talanía 19, Santos 14, Lisua 10, Camacho 9, Fernandez 1.

Hoopaholics 59 – Sablan 29, Villacrusis 14, Cabrera 4, Palacios 4, Ulloa 3, Diaz 2, Manibusan 2, Villagomez 1.

Scoring by quarters: 12-11, 30-27, 54-40, 73-59.

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a 3-2 lead off another error in the top of the third inning.

Northern Stars' Dave Jones took the mound for Josh Jones to the start the fourth frame.

In the fifth inning, Hustlers' Nokki Saralu belted an RBI single and scored off an error to put his team ahead, 5-2, but the Northern Stars rallied in the bottom of the sixth and pulled within a run.

Northern Stars scored off an error and an RBI single by Dave Jones in the sixth and, an inning later, Eric Tenorio drove in Josh Jones in the final stand. Josh Jones led off the seventh with a clutch triple.

Both teams made pitching changes at the start of the eighth frame and base runners were hard to come by in this duel.

Finally Hustlers caught a break in the top of the 15th inning when the Northern Stars finally blinked.

Saralu busted a one-out triple and Joaquin DLGuerrero drew a walk an out later. Then Tim Rabago lucked out as his pop fly to second base managed to slip out of the defender's grasp, allowing two runs to make it all the way around.

Northern Stars mustered a run in the bottom frame off a Mart Sablan double and had the bases loaded, but Hustlers held strong on defense for the win.

Saralu batted 3-for-6 with an RBI, three runs, and a base on ball.

Winning pitcher MacGarette Duenas gave up two earned runs in seven and two thirds innings off nine hits and two walks with six strikeouts.

Northern Stars' pitching unit only gave up one earned run in the game.

MAJOR LEAGUE Twins 12, Docomo A's 11

Over in the Major League, the Twins edged Docomo A's, 12-11, at the Miguel

“Tan Ge” Pangelinan Ball-field last Saturday.

Twins broke the ice with two runs in the opening frame off three hits and two walks.

A's answered with a run off a double by Nathan Nogis to start the second and took a 5-4 lead in the third.

A's scored off a Christian Lizama double, an RBI walk, and a pair of errors in the top of the third, while Twins answered with an RBI single by Rokie Tenorio and an error in the bottom frame.

A's then added two runs off four hits and an error to start the fourth, while Twins knotted the game at 7-all in the bottom frame off a two-RBI double by Tenorio; he also came home off an error.

The game went into extra innings after both teams added a run in each of the fifth and sixth frames.

In the seventh, A's managed two runs off four walks and a hit in the top half, but Twins came up with the three runs needed for the decision.

The Lady Eagles then committed a crucial error in their next offensive set when Darlene Barcelon was caught for a kicking violation off an inbound play. With 23 ticks to go, GCA was forced to give up fouls and send Mt. Carmel to the stripe. Richelle Kautz went 1-for-4, but despite the several misses, the Lady Knights against hauled the offensive boards. A putback from Taylor Ada off MCS' second offensive rebound pegged the final score.

The girls varsity finals will be played this Friday at the newly built TSL Sports Complex in Gualo Rai.

Meanwhile, the boys varsity playoffs will begin today with the No. 4-ranked MBA tak-

Falcons 14, A's 9

When it rains it definitely pours, as Docomo A's absorbed back-to-back losses after it went down against the Natibu Tanapag Falcons.

The A's started scoring with a pair of runs off two hits in the top of the opening frame, but the Falcons pulled ahead, 5-1, in the bottom frame off two errors, a two RBI base rip, and an Ace Evangelista sacrifice fly.

After a quiet second, A's took the lead, 6-5, in the third off a triple by Justin Lisua, a walk, and three other hits, but Falcons' Juan Quitugua jacked a home run in the bottom frame that tied the game at 6-all.

A's answered with two runs in the fourth inning and another in the fifth, but Falcons blew open an eight-run tear in the bottom of the fifth that nailed in the coffin.

Jets 14, Ol'Aces 2

The Jets, meanwhile, finished perfect in the Majors with a 14-2

ing on Agape Christian School at 3:30pm at the Stormz home court in Dandan. The winner of this match will take on top seed Grace Christian Academy tomorrow at GCA for the first finals berth. Mt. Carmel and SIS will duel for the other finals ticket, also tomorrow at the Knights turf. The boys varsity championship game will also be played this Friday.

MCS 59 – M. Kautz 28, Lebria 13, Camacho 10, Ada 6, Che 1, R. Kautz 1.

GCA 51 – Chr. Cristobal 19, Pangelinan 16, Rayphand 16, L. Pangelinan 2, Barcelon 2, Cry. Cristobal 2, De Leon 2.

Scoring by quarters: 17-13, 29-28, 51-36, 59-51.

win over the Happy Market Ol'Aces

Jets built a 9-2 lead after the first two innings. They loaded the bases in opening frame off a walk and two errors that set up a base-clearing double by Frankie Nakamura after he was driven home by Tony Guerrero.

Then in the second, Franklyn Lizama and Nathan Camacho smashed RBI singles before Nakamura stepped in and whacked a three-run, inside-the-park home run.

Ol'Aces managed their only runs of the game in the bottom frame off a two-RBI single by Erica Anguilen.

The Jets piled on five more runs in the third off three hits, two walks, and a bean ball, as they coasted to the easy win.

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distance races, clocking in at 2:28.31 and 11:52.03 in the 800m and 3,000m run. Teammate Reylenn Sapong lorded it over in the 400m and 1,500m races with her winning times of 1:10.37 and 6:27.92, respectively.

The U14 division produced five multiple-medalists in Hopwood Junior High School's John Babauta, Mii Tekopua, Keolani Rios, and Mikayla Lopez, and SCS' Jin Pyo Jeon. Babauta finished first in the 100m (12.08 seconds) and 200m (27 seconds) races; Tekopua topped the discus (20.35m) and shotput (11.01m); Rios dominated the 100m (14.17 seconds) and 200m (30.68 seconds) runs; Lopez prevailed in the 1,500m (6:31.00) and 3,000m (15:38.44) runs; and Jeon ruled the 400m (1:04.66) and

1,500m (5:32.05) races.

In the U12 division, Tanapag Elementary School's Juan Quitugua won the 100m (12.85 seconds) and 400m (1:08.47); SCS's Elnathan Wong reigned in 800m (2:44.64) and 1,500m (5:56.20); and San Antonio Elementary School's Kayla Ito was victorious in the long jump (3.81m) and javelin (20.47m).

The U10 division had the most double gold-medalists in Whispering Palms' Logan Mister (1,500 and 3,000) and Koblerville Elementary School's Kristine Prude ((100m and 200m) and Roca Casian (softball throw and 1, 500m), and Garapan Elementary School's Joshalyn Flores (800m and 3,000m).

In the U8 division, the double gold-medalists were Kagman Elementary School's Sean Rabauliman (100m and 200m), Whispering Palms' Naoki Kasai (800m and 1,500), and San Vicente's Serena Benavente (100m and long jump).

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stretch to advance to the finals where they will face the winner of the Saipan International School-Marianas Baptist Academy semis pairing. The Lady Geckos and Stormz also played their semis match yesterday, but results were unavailable at press time.

Mt. Carmel led by as much as 18, 54-36, in the opening minutes of the fourth quarter before GCA launched a big comeback behind Christine Cristobal. Cristobal made a lot of fishing expeditions and Mt. Carmel defenders bit to the bait, allowing the GCA gunner to troop to the foul line on several occasions.

2011 PSS/McDonald's All Schools Athletics Championships

PHOTOS By ROSELYN B. MONROYO



Runners in the girls U8 division leave the starting line for the 3,000m race in the 2011 PSS/McDonald's All Schools Athletics Championships last Friday at the Oleai Sports Complex.



Gabrielle Race is a few meters away from the finish line of the girls U14 1,500m run.



Volunteer Douglas Dillay checks on runners at the starting block as rain falls before the 3,000 race began.



Runners wait for the sound of the start gun during the 1,500m race.



U18 runners competing in the 200m race make their turn at the corner of the track.



Runners in the 3,000m race go for their second lap.



A Gregorio T. Camacho runner, center, hands the baton to her teammate for the final lap of the 4x100m relay race in the U8 division.



Two female runners are in a neck-and-neck race.



Saipan International School's Angelo Jones, left, sneaks past Saipan Community's Jin Pyo Jeon during the 3,000m race.



Pedro Tenorio, center, battles two barefoot runners in the 1,500m run.

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Lia leads multiple medalists in All Schools

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Marianas High School's Lia Rangamar led 20 student-athletes who claimed more than one gold medal in individual events after two days of competition in the 2011 PSS/McDonald's All Schools Athletics Championships at the Oleai Sports Complex over the weekend.



Rangamar topped three events, winning in the long jump (4.65m) and javelin (34.32m) and discus throws (24.44m).

Also ruling three individual events were Rangamar's teammate Rachel Abrams and Saipan Community School's Tammy Ackerman. Abrams prevailed in the 100m (12.71 seconds) and 200m (28.44 seconds) runs, and the high jump (1.33m). Ackerman triumphed in the 800m (2:49.51), 1,500m (6:08.42), and 13:29.58).

Besides Rangamar, Abrams, and Ackerman, 17 other student-athletes emerged as multiple-medalists after notching two gold medals each.

In the U18 division, Beouch Ngirchongor reigned in middle

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Marianas High School's Lia Rangamar competes in the long jump event in the 2011 PSS/McDonald's All Schools Athletics Championships last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex.

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Lady Knights enter finals

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division of the 2010-2011 Coalition of Private Schools Sports Association Basketball League

Mt. Carmel School secured a finals berth in the girls varsity

after slipping past Grace Christian Academy in their semis game, 59-51, yesterday at the MCS Gymnasium.

The Lady Knights survived the Lady Eagles' fourth-quarter rally after getting a crucial basket from Michelle Kautz and grabbing numerous offensive rebounds in the home-

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Mt. Carmel School's Michelle Kautz goes up for a buzzer-beating jumper in the third quarter of their semis game against Grace Christian Academy in the COPSSA caging yesterday at the MCS Gymnasium.

Island Flavor sneaks past World Resort

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Pacific Trading Co.-Island Flavor stretched its unbeaten streak to four

after edging out Hanwa-World Resort, 69-68, as the 2010 Miller Lite Friendly Invitational Basketball League continued last Sunday at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

Island Flavor built an early 22-

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WALTER CEPEDA-SUTHERLAND

Cell Pro's Pete Lizama goes strong to the basket in their Miller Lite caging game against Triple J-Sandy Beach Homes last Saturday at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

BIG LEAGUE SEMIS

Hustlers upset Northern Stars in 15 innings, 7-6

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The Island Apparel-Kagman Mobil Station Hustlers advanced to the Big League championship after shocking top-ranked Natibu Northern Stars, 7-5, in an exhausting 15-inning ordeal Monday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

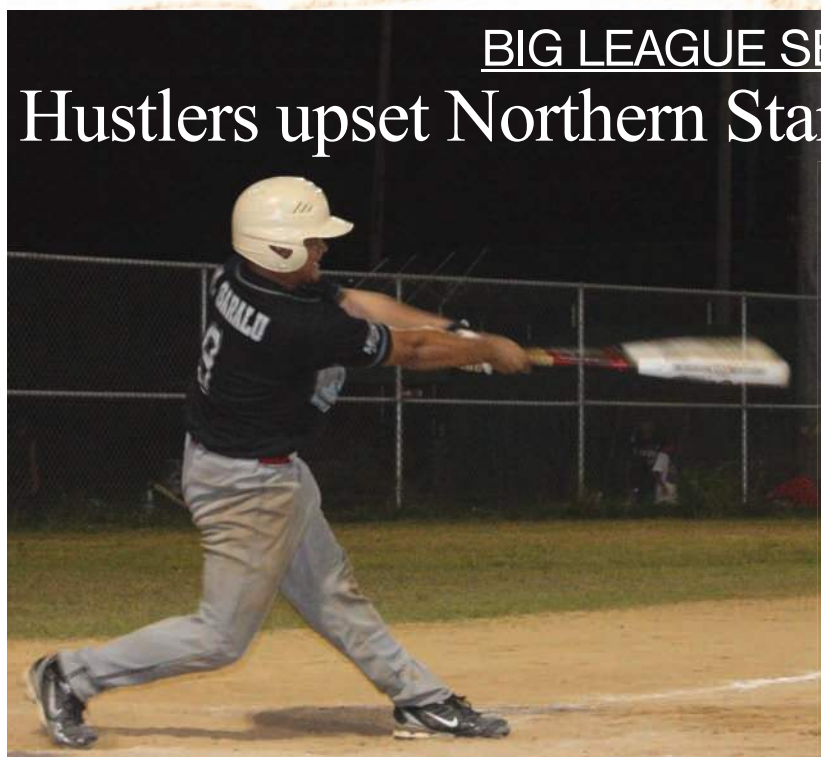
The Hustlers will face the winner between second-ranked IT&E Fielders and the third-seeded Docomo Ol'Aces.

Hustlers took a 2-1 lead right out the gate after breaking the ice in the top half of the first inning with a run off an error.

Northern Stars pitcher Josh Jones, however, helped his cause and got it back with a triple in the bottom frame; he also scored soon off an error.

Hustlers answered with a run off an error in the top of the second that knotted the game at deuces and took

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WALTER CEPEDA-SUTHERLAND

Hustlers' Nokki Saralu makes contact with the baseball in their Big League game against Northern Stars Monday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.